



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 12458-24  
Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] USMC

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his characterization of service be accurately documented on his DD Form 214.

2. The Board consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 May 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, the statute of limitations was waived in the interests of justice.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on 8 October 1981.

d. During the Petitioner's enlistment, he received nonjudicial punishments (NJPs) for marijuana use, two specifications of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and dereliction in the performance of duties. In addition, he received multiple counselings based on his misconduct.

e. Upon completion of his enlistment, the Petitioner was discharged with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) characterization of service. However, the DD Form 214 issued at the

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time of discharge inaccurately reflects the characterization as "General" without including the full and proper annotation of "Under Honorable Conditions."

f. Petitioner contends that in order for military service credit to be accepted by DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Service) for buyback purposes, the documentation must explicitly state, "Under Honorable Conditions (General)." Without this full characterization, DFAS will not process his military service buyback request.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, the Board determined Petitioner's DD Form 214 should be corrected to accurately reflect his characterization of service as "General (Under Honorable Conditions)."

#### RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action:

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), reflecting that, for the period ending 7 October 1985, Petitioner's characterization of service was "General (Under Honorable Conditions)."

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

5/20/2025

