



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 113-25
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████, USN, XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)
(c) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)
(d) UNSECDEF Memo of 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Records Following Repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary
(3) Subject's naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) requesting his DD Form 214 be changed to remove any reference to sexuality and allow for reenlistment. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 31 March 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) through (d).

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, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active service on 22 September 1983.

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d. On 8 September 1986, Petitioner made a statement to his command that he was a homosexual.

e. The documents related to Petitioner's administrative separation are not present in his Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), however, his DD Form 214 indicates he was discharged on 27 October 1986, with an Honorable (HON) characterization of service, for "Homosexuality – stated he or she is a homosexual or bisexual," with an "HRB" separation code, and "RE-4" reentry code.

f. Petitioner contends the rules have changed and his discharge has been an ongoing source of shame and embarrassment. He did not provide any materials in support of his application.

g. Reference (d) sets forth the Department of the Navy's current policies, standards, and procedures for correction of military records following the "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654. It provides service Discharge Review Boards with the guidance to normally grant requests to change the characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," separation code to "JFF," and reentry code to "RE-1J" when the original discharge was based solely on DADT or a similar policy in place prior to enactment of it and there are no aggravating factors in the record, such as misconduct.

CONCLUSION

Upon careful review and consideration of all of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants full relief in the interests of justice.

The Board determined Petitioner was discharged due to his sexuality and is entitled to have his narrative reason for separation, separation code, and reentry code changed based on reference (d).

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting his character of service was "Honorable," narrative reason for separation was "Secretary Plenary Authority," the SPD code assigned was "JFF," the separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 3630900," and the reentry code was "RE-1."

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's naval record.

That 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.

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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 Regulation, 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 behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

4/3/2025

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]