



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 0187-25
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
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)
(c) 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 Marine Corps, filed enclosure (1) requesting her record be changed consistent with references (b) and (c). Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 11 April 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 her naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) and (c).

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 Marine Corps and began a period of active service on 26 June 2000.

d. On 7 May 2000, Petitioner provided a handwritten statement to her command admitting to having homosexual feelings toward another Marine. Consequently, she was notified of

administrative separation processing by reason of homosexuality. Ultimately, she was discharged for homosexuality with an Honorable (HON) characterization of service on 18 May 2001.

e. Petitioner has no history of misconduct in her official naval record. Her military bearing and overall trait averages exceed those required for an Honorable discharge at the time of service.

f. Petitioner contends her discharge is inequitable because it is solely based on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy and there were no aggravating factors in her record.

g. Reference (c) sets forth the Department of the Navy's current policies, standards, and procedures for correction of military records following the 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 review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board reviewed the application under the guidance provided in references (b) and (c).

The Board noted Petitioner was discharged based solely due to a homosexual admission and found no evidence of aggravating factors in her record. Therefore, the Board determined she was entitled to full relief under reference (c).

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty DD (Form 214), for the period ending 18 May 2001, indicating her separation authority as "MARCORSEPMAN 6214," separation code as "JFF1," narrative reason for separation as "Secretarial Authority," and reenlistment code as "RE-1J."

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.

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

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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.

4/28/2025

