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Docket No. 0972-25
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

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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 his record be changed consistent with references (b) and (c). Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 9 June 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 his 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 4 June 1984.

d. On 28 March 1985, Petitioner's commanding officer (CO) recommended Petitioner's discharge by reason of misconduct due to homosexual acts.

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e. Additional documents pertinent to Petitioner's administrative separation are not in his official military personnel file (OMPF). Notwithstanding, the Board relies on a presumption of regularity to support the official actions of public officers and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, will presume that they have properly discharged their official duties. Based on the information contained on Petitioner's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), he was separated, on 23 April 1985, with a "General Under Honorable Conditions (GEN)" characterization of service, narrative reason for separation of "Dis Involuntary – Homosexuality – Act (Admin Discharge Board Required But Waived)," reentry code of "RE-4," and separation code of "HRA1;" which corresponds to Homosexuality – Act.

f. Petitioner previously applied to the Board and was denied relief on 17 March 2009¹.

g. Petitioner contends his type of discharge and reason for separation should be upgraded. There is no history of misconduct in Petitioner's OMPF.

i. Reference (c) 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 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 act and found no evidence of aggravating factors in his record. Therefore, the Board determined he is 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 23 April 1985, indicating his character of service as "Honorable," separation authority as "MARCORSEPMAN Par. 6214," separation code as "JFF1," narrative reason for separation as "Secretary of the Navy Plenary Authority," and reenlistment code as "RE-1J."

Petitioner be issued an Honorable discharge certificate.

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

¹ The decision was issued prior to references (b) and (c).

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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 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.

6/24/2025

