



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 3178-25  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED],  
USN, [REDACTED]

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 w/attachments  
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 record be changed consistent with references (b) and (c).
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 11 August 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, 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 Petitioner's application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.
  - c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 3 January 1966.
  - d. On 31 May 1966, Petitioner submitted a statement admitting to homosexual acts. Consequently, he was notified of administrative processing due to homosexual involvement and elected his procedural rights to consult with counsel. Ultimately, the Separation Authority

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directed his separation, and he was discharged with an Other Than Honorable (OTH) characterization of service on 20 June 1966.

e. 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," the separation code to "JFF," and the 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.

f. Petitioner contends he was accused of homosexual conduct and subjected to a coercive and improper interrogation, which ultimately resulted in him being compelled to sign documents admitting to the charges. He further asserts that the Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) policy under which he was discharged was inherently unjust, and that, in light of its repeal, equitable relief is warranted. In the interest of justice, Petitioner requests that his characterization of service be upgraded to Honorable, and that his narrative reason for separation, separation authority, separation code, and reentry code be corrected accordingly.

g. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, Petitioner submitted a legal brief with exhibits in support of his application.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief.

Upon review of his record, the Board found no substantiating evidence to support Petitioner's contention that he was coerced into admitting homosexual conduct or that he was denied due process. However, the Board noted Petitioner's record supports that he was solely discharged on the basis of homosexuality with no aggravating factors in his record. Therefore, the Board determined Petitioner was entitled to full relief under reference (c).

#### RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board recommends that the following corrective action be taken on Petitioner's naval record in the interests of justice:

That the Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting that, for the period ending 20 June 1966, he was discharged with a "Honorable" characterization of service, narrative reason for separation of "Other good and sufficient reason (non-derogatory) when determined by proper authority," SPD code of "21L," the reenlistment code of "RE-1," and separation authority of "BUPERINST 1900, Art. C-10306."

That Petitioner will be issued an Honorable Discharge Certificate.

That all other information currently listed on Petitioner's DD Form 214 remains the same.

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

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

4. It is certified that 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 behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

8/20/2025

