



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 3315-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,
XXX XX ██████████ 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 a correction to his characterization of service on his 1986 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 21 July 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, 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, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves and began a period of active duty on 29 April 1986. On 26 July 1986, Petitioner was discharged by reason of completion of required active duty service and transferred to his Reserve unit. At the time of his discharge, Petitioner received a DD Form 214 with block 24. Character of Service reflecting as "Entry Level Separation." Petitioner went on to serve two additional periods of active duty and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Reserves on 7 February 1997.

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d. Petitioner contends his 1986 DD Form 214 lists his characterization of service as Entry Level Separation despite the fact he completed basic training. Petitioner asserts that he requires an Honorable characterization entry on his 1986 DD Form 214 in order to qualify for civilian retirement credit based on this period of active duty.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, the Board determined Petitioner's 1986 DD Form 214 erroneously reflects an Entry Level Separation instead of an Honorable characterization of service. The Board found no evidence Petitioner was separated with an Entry Level Separation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, for the period ending on 26 July 1986, that reflects his characterization of service as "Honorable."

That 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 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.

8/5/2025

