



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 3316-25
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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

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 a clarification of his starting date of service. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 14 July 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.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error 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, a naval officer, commenced active duty on 3 June 1970. He received an Honorable (HON) discharge upon his resignation and completion of required service on 31 December 1981.

d. Petitioner contends his DD Form 214 has been misread, causing some recipients to view his start year as 1976. Most recently, this lack of clarity caused difficulty with his Department of Veterans Affairs disability claim. In support of his application, he provided a copy of his

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notification of eligibility for retirement and various service record documents reflecting that he began active duty in 1970.

CONCLUSION

Upon careful review and consideration of all of the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, the Board agreed Petitioner's start year was, in fact, 1970 and that his DD Form 214 could be interpreted as reading "1976." Therefore, the Board determined it was in the interests of justice to issue a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) to clarify Petitioner's active duty start date.

In view of the above, the Board directs the following action.

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a DD Form 215, for the period of service ending on 31 December 1981, indicating Block 12.a. as "70 JUN 03."

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's 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.

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.

7/24/2025

