



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 4507-25  
Ref: Signature Date

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

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

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), a request was made on behalf of a deceased former member of the Navy, "Service Member," by his Next of Kin's Designee, "Petitioner," and filed in enclosure (1), requesting Service Member's middle name be corrected to indicate [REDACTED] on his Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214N) so he can be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 16 May 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 Service Member'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 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. Service Member enlisted in the Navy Reserve and began a period of active service on 1 July 1943. He transitioned to the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) on 1 March 1944 and was commissioned as an Ensign on 23 June 1945. Service Member retired from the Navy as a Commander on 15 February 1955, after twenty-three years, eleven months, and ten days of Honorable service.

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[REDACTED]

d. Service Member's full name on all documents provided by Petitioner and all documents in Service Member's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), except his DD Form 214N, is [REDACTED] Service Member's full name on his DD Form 214 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

e. Petitioner contends Service Member will not be granted burial at [REDACTED] National Cemetery [REDACTED] because Service Member's full name on his DD Form 214N is incorrect.

#### CONCLUSION

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

The Board found errors in Service Member's DD Form 214N. Block 1 of Service Member's DD Form 214N indicates an incorrect middle name of [REDACTED] The Board determined that Service Member's correct middle name is [REDACTED]

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214N (DD Form 215) for Service Member, correcting Block 1 to [REDACTED]

That no further changes be made to Service Member's record.

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in service member'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.

5/19/2025

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