



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6650-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

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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 the issuance of an Honorable discharge certificate.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 15 December 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 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 Reserve and began a period of active duty on 22 August 1955. On 23 June 1958, Petitioner received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for smoking in bed. Petitioner's record indicates that he wrote a letter to the Director of the Marine Corps Reserves inquiring where his discharge certificate would be sent since he was stationed at a missile site. On 18 July 1961, the Marine Corps issued a response to Petitioner's inquiry informing him that his discharge certificate will be sent to the address he provided on his previous letter. On 21 August 1961, Petitioner received an Administrative Remarks (Page 11) indicating that he was discharged with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of end of service. Additionally, his record indicates that a discharge certificate (DD 256 MC) was mailed to him.

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d. Petitioner contends he never received a discharge certificate because he was working all over the United States. Petitioner asserts he was not aware his discharge was General (Under Honorable Conditions) vice Honorable. Petitioner claims he is now 87 years of age and is seeking to purchase his last home with a Department of Veterans Affairs loan. Petitioner claims he is not able to do so because he is missing his discharge certificate and is embarrassed that his discharge was not Honorable. Post discharge, Petitioner states he was Q-cleared and then later became the CEO of a [REDACTED]. Petitioner asserts he was interviewed by the FBI for a secret clearance which he obtained.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted Petitioner's record contains sufficient evidence indicating that he was discharged with an "Honorable" characterization of service and determined it was in the interest of justice to reissue his Honorable discharge certificate.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a new "Administrative Remarks (Page 11)" indicating that he received an "Honorable" characterization of service on 21 August 1961.

That Petitioner be issued a new Honorable discharge certificate.

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

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

5. 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.

6. 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.

1/14/2026

