



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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[REDACTED]  
Docket No. 6853-25  
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  
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), service member's (SM) son, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting correction to the spelling of SM's first name on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) and Record of Discharge.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 15 July 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 Subject's naval service records, 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. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

b. SM enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served a period of active duty from 9 August 1955 to 19 August 1957. During his period of service, the documents in his service record reflects his name as [REDACTED]

c. Petitioner provided SM's birth certificate and death certificate in support of his contention that SM's legal first name was [REDACTED]

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## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner warrants relief. The Board noted Petitioner provided sufficient documentation that the spelling of the SM's first name on his DD Form 214 does not reflect his legal name and requires correction.

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

## RECOMMENDATION

Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 19 August 1957, correcting:

Box 1: First Name to [REDACTED]

Petitioner be issued a new NAVPERS 601-14, Record of Discharge, Release from Active Duty (or equivalent) correcting:

First Name to [REDACTED]

Petitioner be issued a new NAVPERS 601-14 (Inactive), Record of Discharge Release from U.S. Naval Reserve (Inactive) (or equivalent) correcting:

First Name [REDACTED]

That no further changes be made to Subject's naval record.

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

7/23/2025

