



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 7041-25  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] USMC

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)  
(c) UNSECDEF Memo of 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Records Following Repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654)

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 that his narrative reason for separation, separation code, and reentry code be upgraded consistent with references (b) and (c). Additionally, Petitioner requested his new DD Form 214 not reflect it was reissued.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 26 September 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 Petitioner's naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) and (c).

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, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.
- c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active service on 4 September 2001. On 5 September 2002, he made a voluntary admission to his Commanding Officer that he was bisexual. Consequently, he was notified of administrative separation processing by reason of homosexual admission. Petitioner waived his rights related to the

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process, but for the right to obtain copies of documents used in the separation process. On 22 October 2002, he received an Honorable (HON) discharge for homosexual admission.

- d. Petitioner has no history of misconduct in his official naval record.
- e. Petitioner contends he was discharged solely due to his homosexual admission.
- f. Reference (c) sets forth the Department of the Navy's current policies, standards, and procedures for correction of military records following the "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654. It provides service Discharge Review Boards with the guidance to normally grant requests to change the characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," separation code to "JFF," and reentry code to "RE-1J" when the original discharge was based solely on DADT or a similar policy in place prior to enactment of it and there are no aggravating factors in the record, such as misconduct.

## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. The Board reviewed the application under the guidance provided in references (b) and (c).

The Board noted Petitioner was discharged based solely due to a homosexual admission and found no evidence of aggravating factors in his record. Therefore, the Board found that it was in the interests of justice to change Petitioner's narrative reason for separation to Secretarial Authority, with corresponding changes to his separation and reentry codes, consistent with the guidance provided in reference (c).

Notwithstanding the Board's recommendation to grant Petitioner's request to change his record to eliminate any reference to his sexual orientation, the Board determined his request to have his new DD Form 214 not reflect it was reissued was not authorized by applicable regulations. Further, the Board found no guidance in reference (c) that provided support for Petitioner's request. Therefore, the Board denied this aspect of his application.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214), for the period ending 22 October 2002, indicating he was discharged with a characterization of service of "Honorable," separation code of "JFF1," narrative reason of "Secretarial Authority," separation authority of "MARCORSEPMAN par 6214," and reentry code of "RE-1J."

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

4. It is certified a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

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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.

11/18/2025

