



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7057-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

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USN, XXX-XX-█

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 to upgrade her narrative reason for separation consistent with references (b) and (c).

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 23 January 2026 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) and (c)¹.

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. Because Petitioner's application was submitted with new evidence not previously considered, the Board found it in the interest of justice to review her application.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 12 February 1996.

d. On 14 November 2001, Petitioner made a voluntary statement to her Executive Officer that she was "gay." During a follow-on investigation, she confirmed her sexual orientation and

¹ Petitioner also checked the "PTSD" box on her application but the Board was able to adjudicate her application without the need to apply liberal consideration to her claim.

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admitted to practicing a "homosexual lifestyle." Consequently, Petitioner was notified of administrative processing for homosexual conduct. She waived her procedural rights to consult with counsel, and to have her case heard before an administrative discharge board. Ultimately, the Separation Authority directed her separation, and, on 1 February 2002, she was discharged by reason of homosexual conduct statement with an Honorable characterization of service.

e. 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 narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," the separation code to "JFF," and the reenry 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 that Petitioner's request warrants relief.

Upon further review of his record, the Board noted Petitioner's record supports that she was solely discharged on the basis of her admission of homosexual conduct. Further, the Board found no aggravating factors in her record. Therefore, the Board determined Petitioner was entitled to full relief under reference (c).

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board recommends that the following corrective action be taken on Petitioner's naval record in the interests of justice:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting that, for the period ending 1 February 2002, she was discharged for the narrative reason for separation of "Secretarial Authority," SPD code of "JFF," reenlistment code of "RE-1J," and separation authority of "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

That all other information currently listed on Petitioner's DD Form 214 remain the same.

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

That a copy of this record of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that 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 Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

2/21/2026

