



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8102-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

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 w/attachments
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that her discharge be changed consistent with references (b) and (c). In addition, she requests that her name be changed on her DD Form 214 to reflect a judicially ordered name change based on her sex reassignment surgery.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 April 2026 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 record, 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, it is in the interests of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 9 February 1988.

d. That same year, Petitioner admitted to a sexual preference for men to the command chaplain and medical officer. Petitioner was subsequently notified of the initiation of administrative separation processing for homosexual admission. Petitioner acknowledged the notification, waived procedural rights to consult with counsel, and waived the right to have the

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case heard before an administrative discharge board. The Separation Authority ultimately directed Petitioner's separation and, on 2 February 1989, Petitioner was honorably discharged by reason of homosexuality.

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 the characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," the separation code to "JFF1," and the reenlistment 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.

f. Petitioner contends that her discharge was based solely on her sexual orientation, that no aggravating factors were present in connection with the separation. She requests a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting her current legal name and that the narrative reason for separation and any reference to homosexuality be removed.

CONCLUSION:

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

The Board noted Petitioner's record supports that she was solely discharged on the basis of homosexuality and found no aggravating factors in Petitioner's record. Therefore, the Board determined Petitioner is entitled to full relief under reference (c).

Further, the Board determined it was in the interests of justice to change Petitioner's name on her DD Form 214 to reflect her judicially ordered new name that reflects her new gender after gender reassignment surgery.

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 DD Form 214 reflecting that, for the period ending 2 February 1989, she was discharged under the name [REDACTED] for the narrative reason for separation of "Secretary Plenary Authority," SPD of "JFF," reenlistment code of "RE-1," and separation authority of MILPERSMAN 3630900."

That all other information currently listed on Petitioner's DD Form 214 remains 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, along with the previously issued DD Form 214 which reflects the name [REDACTED] and

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the updated DD Form 214 which reflects the name [REDACTED]

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

5/19/2026

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