



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 8611-25  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████  
██████████ USMC

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) USECDEF Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Subject's naval record (DD Form 214)

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 naval record be corrected to change his characterization of service on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 10 March 2026 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, naval records, 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 waive the statute limitation and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered active duty on 30 August 1974. On 12 December 1974, Defense Investigative Services (DIS) informed Petitioner's commanding officer (CO) that Petitioner was arrested and charged with auto theft prior to enlisting.

d. Consequently, Petitioner was notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of erroneous enlistment. After Petitioner elected to waive his rights, his CO forwarded his package to the separation authority (SA) recommending Petitioner be retained on active duty.

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The SA directed Petitioner's discharge with an Honorable characterization of service and he was so discharged on 22 May 1975.

e. At the time of Petitioner's discharge from active duty, he was issued a DD Form 214 which erroneously reflected his characterization of service as "Under Honorable Conditions."<sup>1</sup>

f. Petitioner contends that he is being denied veterans' benefits because his DD Form 214 does not state "Honorable."

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. As discussed previously, Petitioner's DD Form 214 erroneously states his discharge characterization of service was "Under Honorable Conditions" instead of "Honorable" and requires correction.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), for the period ending on 22 May 1975, to reflect his characterization of service as "Honorable." All other information on his DD Form 214 is to remain the same.

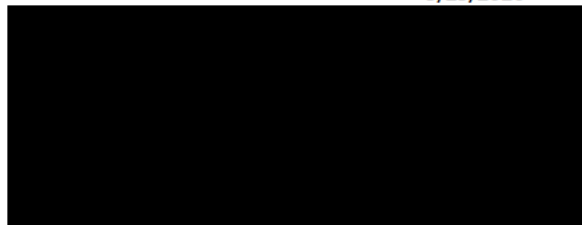
Petitioner shall be issued an Honorable Discharge Certificate.

That no further changes be made to the 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board noted a 22 May 1975 page 11 entry in Petitioner's service record initially annotated he was discharged with an "General" discharge. This entry was subsequently struck through and marked "Honorable" in handwriting. Petitioner's "Under Honorable Conditions" discharge characterization entry is consistent with this original error.