



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9690-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████, USN,
XXX-XX-██████████

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) great niece, 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 County and to his race as "██████████" on his notice of separation, NAVPERS-553.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error 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, relevant portions of SM'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 26 December 1943 to 11 February 1946. During his period of service, the documents in his service record reflects his county as "██████████" and his race as "██████████."

c. Petitioner provided SM's death certificate that indicates SM's county should be spelled "██████████" and he was identified with the race of "██████████."

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

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XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

spelling of SM's country as "[REDACTED]" and his race as "[REDACTED]" on his NAVPERS 553 is erroneous 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),¹ for the period ending 11 February 1946, correcting:

Box 4: Permanent Address for Mailing Purposes: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Box 8: Race: "[REDACTED]"²

Box 14: Home Address at Time of Entry into Service: [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.

3/30/2026

[REDACTED]

¹ NPC is authorized to issue the DD Form 215 or an equivalent document to effect the administrative change to SM's NAVPERS 553.

² NPC is authorized to change this to "[REDACTED]" or "[REDACTED]" should applicable regulations require it. The Board approved the race identifier "[REDACTED]" in the interests of justice based on Petitioner's request. However, the Board finds no injustice should "[REDACTED]" be substituted for "[REDACTED]" or "[REDACTED]" in order to maintain consistency in Naval records.