



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No. 9732-25
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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
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)
(c) UNSECDEF Memo of 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Record following Repeal
of 10 U.S.C. 654)
(d) USECDEF Memo of 25 July 2018 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Corrections of Naval Records (Board), requesting that her naval record be corrected to make certain conforming changes to her Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to reflect current military directives and policy.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 30 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) through (d).

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 of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 8 July 1986.

d. On or about 20 October 1988, Petitioner provided a voluntary written statement to her

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command disclosing that she was bisexual and desired to engage in, and intended to engage in, homosexual and heterosexual acts.

e. Following her voluntary statement, Petitioner was processed for an administrative separation by reason of homosexuality as evidenced by her written admission indicating her desire or intent to commit homosexual and heterosexual acts (bisexuality). Petitioner consulted with counsel and waived her right to request an administrative separation board. Ultimately, on 4 January 1989, Petitioner was discharged from the Navy for homosexuality with an "Honorable" characterization of service and assigned an RE-4 reentry code.

f. Petitioner's service record did not otherwise contain any documented misconduct or adverse counseling entries during her enlistment.

g. References (b) and (c) set forth the Department of the Navy's current policies, standards, and procedures for correction of military records following the DADT repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654. It provides service Discharge Review Boards with the guidance to normally grant requests to change the narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," the separation code to "JFF," the reentry code to "RE-1J," and other conforming changes to the DD Form 214 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.

Specifically, the Board noted Petitioner's record supports that she was administratively discharged due to her homosexual admission based on the pre-DADT-related policy in place at such time and that there were no aggravating factors in her service record. Accordingly, the Board concluded that certain remedial changes were warranted to the Petitioner's narrative reason for separation, separation authority, separation code, and reentry code to conform with all current military directives and policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, for the period ending 4 January 1989, indicating Petitioner was discharged with a narrative reason for separation of "Secretarial Authority," separation authority of "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," separation code of "JFF," and reentry code of "RE-1J."

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

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

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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 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.

2/17/2026

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]