



Docket No. 2242-26
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF
[REDACTED] USN, [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/ enclosures

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject Member's (SM) daughter, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) requesting correction of the date of birth (DOB) in SM's discharge record. Enclosure (1) applies.
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 March 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 SM's naval record, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.
3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegation 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 Petitioner's application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.
 - b. SM enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 29 May 1951. At the time of his enlistment, the recruiting station verified his DOB as [REDACTED].
 - c. Throughout his military service, SM's service records consistently reflected a DOB of [REDACTED].
 - d. SM was discharged on 26 May 1955. At this time of his discharge, his Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 214) recorded the month of his birth as [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED] in block 10 of his separation data.
 - e. Petitioner points out that the correct month of SM's DOB is March and that this discrepancy has complicated burial matters with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In

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support of this request, Petitioner provided a birth certificate confirming SM's DOB as [REDACTED].

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, as discussed previously, SM's DOB on his DD Form 214 is erroneous and requires correction.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That SM be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period of service ending on 26 May 1955, indicating SM's DOB is "[REDACTED]."

That Petitioner be provided a copy of SM's DD Form 215.

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

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner'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.

4/2/2026

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