



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 2311-26
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
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)
(c) USD Memo of 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Records Following Repeal
of 10 U.S.C. 654)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/ enclosures

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 narrative reason for separation be changed consistent with references (b) and (c). Enclosures (1).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 February 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, 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. 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. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 15 August 2003.

c. Petitioner was notified by naval letter on 3 November 2004 of processing for administrative separation due to homosexual conduct via notification procedures.

d. On 4 November 2004, Petitioner made an official statement that he was a homosexual, experienced harassment due to his sexual orientation, and did not feel safe.

e. Ultimately, Petitioner was honorably discharged for "Homosexual Admission" on 10 December 2004. Petitioner's record did not contain any evidence of misconduct.

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f. 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 narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," the separation code to "JFF," and the reentry 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.

CONCLUSION:

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

The Board noted Petitioner's record supports that he was solely discharged on the basis of homosexuality. Further, the Board determined there were no aggravating factors in Petitioner's record. Therefore, the Board determined Petitioner was entitled to relief under reference (c).

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating that, for the period ending on 10 December 2004, he was discharged under the authority of "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," for the narrative reason of "Secretarial Authority," with a separation code of "JFF," and a reentry code of "RE-1J."

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.

3/18/2026

