



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 2503-26
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

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 last name be corrected on his discharge record. Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 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 Petitioner's naval record, 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. 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 19 March 1956.

c. Petitioner's official military personnel file (OMPF) does not contain a copy of his birth certificate or other identification records; however, his date of birth (DOB) is identified as ██████████.

d. Petitioner's OMPF records consistently used the last name "██████████" throughout his military service, to include at the time of his discharge on 19 November 1957.

e. Petitioner contends that, although he served under the last name of "██████████," he has used the last name "██████████" in his post-discharge life. In support of his contentions, he submitted his social security card, his driver's license, his Medicare card, a power of attorney, and a copy of his request for his OMPF.

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f. The document retrieval record for Petitioner's OMPF matches the date of birth used in his OMPF as well as his current driver's license. Likewise, his social security number used to retrieve his OMPF matches the number on his current social security card.

CONCLUSION:

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

The Board noted that Petitioner did not provide a detailed explanation as to why the last name he used during his military service was incorrect or did not match his current identification records. However, the Board also observed that his OMPF and enlistment documents did not include formal identification records. In light of this omission and the evidence that Petitioner that provided, the Board determined it was in the interests of justice to grant his request as a matter of equity. In making this finding, the Board found that Petitioner submitted sufficient identification documents to confirm that the OMPF and discharge record contained therein are his records and that his discharge record does not match the legal name he is currently identified by in his official state and federal records. Further, the Board acknowledged that such name discrepancies may have a significant impact on a former service member's ability to obtain veteran benefits and concluded that he submitted sufficient evidence to establish the existence of an injustice which warrants correction.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 19 November 1957, to reflect the following change to the Block 1 "Last Name - First Name - Middle Name" section:

"[REDACTED]."

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

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

4/8/2026

