



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 2786-26
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 correction of his last name in 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 7 May 1956. His last name at the time of his enlistment was "██████████" which was written as "██████████" in his enlistment contract.

c. Throughout his military service, Petitioner's last name was spelled either as "██████████" or "██████████." At the time he was discharged, his Record of Discharge, Release from Active Duty, or Death (NAVPERS 601) likewise identified his last name as "██████████."

d. However, Block 1 of Petitioner's Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214) contains the last name "██████████." A spelling that is not used anywhere else in Petitioner's official military personnel file (OMPF).

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[REDACTED], USN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

CONCLUSION:

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

As previously discussed, the Board noted that the last name entered into block 1 of Petitioner's DD Form 214 contains an extraneous letter "H," which appears to be an administrative error. The Board acknowledged that such errors may adversely impact a former member's ability to access veteran benefits. As a result, the Board concluded that the error warranted 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 on 27 September 1959, 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 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

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]