



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
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Docket No: 6479-14  
4 May 2015

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED] USMC,  
XXX-XX [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Marine Corps, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that their other than honorable discharge of 30 November 1984, be changed.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 24 April 2015 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and 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.

b. Although it appears that 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.

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c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps on 2 November 1982, and served without disciplinary incident until 2 March 1984, when she received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey a lawful order.

d. Petitioner was administratively processed for separation by reason of convenience of the government. On 14 April 1982, the discharge authority directed an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government. In addition, her record contains an administrative remarks (Page 11) entry dated 14 April 1982, which reflects that she was issued an honorable discharge certificate. However, on 30 August 1984, Petitioner was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) with the characterization of service as "other than honorable" and a narrative reason for separation as "discharge by reason of pregnancy." In this regard, her record does not reflect any documentation to support the other than honorable characterization of service.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

The Board initially notes Petitioner's disciplinary incident, and does not condone her misconduct. However, the Board believes that the evidence in the record does not support an other than honorable characterization of service, and to the contrary, clearly reflects that she should have been issued a DD Form 214 reflects an honorable characterization of service. In this regard, the Board concludes that the record should be corrected to appropriately reflect an honorable characterization of service.

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

## RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 30 August 1984, she was honorably discharged. It is also directed that she be issued a new DD Form 214 which reflects the foregoing characterization of service.

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

c. That, upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 6 May 2014.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)), 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.



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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.



ROBERT J. O'NEILL  
Executive Director