



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 7485-14
10 July 2015

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps

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

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)

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, in effect, that [REDACTED] "RE-4" (not recommended for retention) reentry code be changed per reference (b). [REDACTED] also impliedly requested that [REDACTED] Separation Program Designator (SPD) "HRB1", and narrative reason for separation "HOMOSEXUAL ADMISSION," be changed per reference (b). Additionally, that the separation authority "MARCORSEPMAN 6207," be changed.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 6 July 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. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 10 March 2008. On 17 September 2008, as a result of a command interview, [REDACTED] admitted to [REDACTED] involvement in homosexual conduct. As a result of the foregoing, administrative discharge action was initiated and it was recommended that [REDACTED] receive a general discharge by reason of homosexuality. After being afforded all of [REDACTED] procedural

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rights, [REDACTED] received a general discharged on 23 October 2008. At that time, [REDACTED] was assigned an RE-4 reentry code. However, on 9 January 2014, the Navy Discharge Review Board changed [REDACTED] characterization of service to honorable.

c. Reference (b) 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 authority to grant request to change the narrative reason for discharge to "secretarial authority," SPD code to "JFF1," and 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, and especially in light of reference (b), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief.

In this regard, the Board notes Petitioner's overall record of military service, and current Department of the Navy policy as established in reference (b), that relief in the form of [REDACTED] reentry code be changed to "RE-1J," SPD code to "JFF1," and the narrative reason for separation be changed to "secretarial authority." Additionally, that the separation authority be changed to read "MARCORSEPMAN 6214." In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 23 October 2008, [REDACTED] received an "honorable discharge" by reason of "secretarial authority", was assigned SPD code "JFF1," and "RE-1J" reentry code. Additionally, the separation authority was "MARCORSEPMAN 6214." It is further directed that [REDACTED] be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

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 9 June 2014.

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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.

5 U.S.C 552(b) (6)

T. J. REED
Recorder

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.

5 U.S.C 552(b) (6)

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive director