

CORRECTING MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

If you are a Veteran who was discharged under “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” or a similar policy, you may be eligible to have your military service record (DD-214) upgraded. Affected Veterans’ military records may still have negative or discriminatory discharge characterizations or separation narratives related to their sexual orientation listed. For individuals discharged solely because of sexual orientation, the Department of Defense has instructed the military services to change those discriminatory characterizations, narratives, and re-entry codes so that it only reflects your honorable military service.

Duplicate copies of a DD-214 can be requested from the National Archives. For information, visit www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ or call the National Personnel Records Center Customer Service Line: (314) 801-0800.

If you are the surviving spouse, next of kin, or a legal representative applying on behalf of a deceased or incapacitated Veteran, the application must include supporting documentation such as a certified copy of a marriage license, death certificate, or power of attorney.

If you are a Veteran who was discharged LESS than 15 years ago, complete DD FORM [293](#)

Fill out the form completely and mail to your respective service’s Discharge Review Board:

AIR FORCE:

Air Force Review Boards Agency
SAF/MRBR
550-C Street West, Suite 40
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4742

ARMY:

Army Review Boards Agency
251 18th Street South, Suite 385
Arlington, VA 22202-3531

- Applications may be submitted online at: <https://actsonline.army.mil>
- To support your application, please provide copies of all relevant military records in your possession and any evidence to support your request, including any past correspondence exchanged with other agencies trying to resolve your issue. Do not send originals.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS:

Secretary of the Navy
Council of Review Boards
ATTN: Naval Discharge Review Board
720 Kennon Street, S.E.
Room 309 (NDRB)
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

COAST GUARD:

Commandant (CG-133)
ATTN: Office of Military Personnel
U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7907
2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20593-7907

If you are a Veteran who was discharged
MORE than 15 years ago, complete DD FORM 149

Fill out the form completely and mail to your respective service's Board for Correction:

AIR FORCE:

Board for Correction of Air Force Records
SAF/MRBR
550-C Street West, Suite 40
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4742

ARMY:

Army Review Boards Agency
251 18th Street South, Suite 385
Arlington, VA 22202-3531

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- If you need assistance please email: army.arbainquiry@mail.mil
- Online applications are available at: <https://actsonline.army.mil>

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS:

Board for Correction of Naval Records
701 S. Courthouse Road, Suite 1001
Arlington, VA 22204-2490

- Completed forms may also be submitted via fax or email as follows:
(703) 604-3437 ATTN: BCNR Applications; BCNR_Applications@navy.mil

COAST GUARD:

Department of Homeland Security
Office of the General Counsel
Board for Correction of Military Records
245 Murray Lane, Stop 0485
Washington, DC 20528-0485

***** Veterans who encounter problems seeking a correction of their military record with their respective Discharge Review Boards or Boards for Correction should contact their Member of Congress.*****

**FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE,
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