

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 2 NAVY ANNEX WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

BJG Docket No: 1626-01 20 June 2001

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: 1STHERE OF NAVAL RECORD

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 dtd 15 Feb 01 w/attachment

(2) MCRC memo dtd 23 May 01

(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that the applicable naval record be corrected by removing the following typewritten entry from item 25 ("Physician's summary and elaboration of all pertinent data (Physician shall comment on all positive answers in items 9 through 24.") of the Standard Form (SF) 93 ("Report of Medical History") dated 11 October 1996: "4. Past history of psychiatric counseling 1994 s/p [status/post] death of friend." She also impliedly requested removal of the following handwritten entry: "4 Psych [psychiatric] counseling - 1994." A copy of the SF 93 in question is at enclosure (1).

2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Adams and Harrison and Ms. Moidel, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 31 May 2001, and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the limited 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. The contested typewritten entry continues as follows: "No meds [medications], no admits [admissions], no other psych. followup [sic], NCD [not considered disqualifying]." The handwritten entry continues as follows: " - No meds, no admits. No other psych follow up [sic] NCD."

c. Petitioner states that she had counseling in 1994 concerning the death of a friend, but that it was not <u>psychiatric</u> counseling. In item 16 ("Have you ever been treated for a mental condition?") of the SF 93, she had marked "yes" and had elaborated by stating that in 1994 she had counseling after a friend's suicide.

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d. In correspondence attached as enclosure (2), the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, the office having cognizance over the subject matter of Petitioner's request, has commented to the effect that item 25 of the SF 93 "should be corrected."

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting limited relief. Specifically, they find that the appropriate corrective action is to remove only the word "psychiatric" from the contested typewritten entry, and remove only "Psych" from the impliedly contested handwritten entry.

In this connection, they note that the advisory opinion recommends correction. They further note that the form requires some physician comment on Petitioner's "yes" response to item 16. They find that the entries, corrected as indicated above, would not be harmful to her, but would merely verify that her physician did not consider the information she provided to be problematic.

In view of the above, the Board directs the following limited corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected by making the following modifications to item 25 of her SF 93 ("Report of Medical History") dated 11 October 1996:

(1) From the typewritten entry "4. Past history of psychiatric counseling 1994 s/p death of friend." remove only the word "psychiatric," so that the entry as corrected will read as follows: "4. Past history of counseling 1994 s/p death of friend."

(2) From the handwritten entry "<u>4</u> Psych counseling - 1994" remove only "Psych," so that the entry as corrected will read as follows: "<u>4</u> counseling - 1994."

b. That any material or entries inconsistent with or relating to the Board's recommendation be corrected, removed or completely expunged from Petitioner's record and that no such entries or material be added to the record in the future.

c. That any material directed to be removed from Petitioner's naval record be returned to the Board, together with a copy of this Report of Proceedings, for retention in a confidential file maintained for such purpose, with no cross reference being made a part of Petitioner's naval record. d. That the remainder of Petitioner's request be denied.

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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Acting 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 Regulations, 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.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

6150 MCRC (O) 23 MAY 01

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: BCNR APLICATION IN THE CASE OF FIRST LIEUTE

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1. A review of SNO request has been conducted, Marine Corps Recruiting Command concurs that item #25 of the SF-93 Report Of Medical History dated 11 Oct. 1996 should be corrected.

