



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 05926-11
21 July 2011

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

Subj: [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 Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that her RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reentry code and reason for her discharge (erroneous entry) be changed.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Gattis, Mr. W. Hicks, and Mr. Mann, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 19 July 2011 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. Enclosure (1) was filed in a timely manner.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 13 December 2010 at age 18. On 15 December 2010, a recruit mental health evaluation was conducted and determined that she was psychiatrically hospitalized for suicidal ideation and gestures prior to joining the Navy. She admitted at the "Moment of Truth" that at age of 14, she was hospitalized for a

week after telling her mother that she was going to kill herself, and revealed that she had two self-inflicted cuts on her arm. She believed that she was diagnosed as depressed, and was experiencing significant mood symptoms due to family issues. She also was seen by a counselor for two months after her hospitalization. She was found to have a history of inpatient psychiatric hospitalization that she failed to disclose prior to entering the service. Subsequently, she was notified of proposed action for an administrative separation by reason of erroneous enlistment as evidenced by a mental condition that existed prior to entry into the naval service. Her commanding officer directed separation and on 4 January 2011, she was discharged with an entry level separation. At that time she was assigned an RE-4 reentry code. She could have been assigned an RE-8 reentry code, which means that she had a temporary medical condition.

d. With her application, Petitioner states, in part, that the situation took place when she was 14 years of age and does not represent her current state. She submitted a psychiatric evaluation dated 22 April 2011, from Holistic Optimal Health Center that states, in part, that at the "Moment of Truth" she realized that she had not mentioned her suicidal history as she was depressed during the divorce of her parents. She said she tried to hurt herself by scratching her hands. She was emotionally torn between her parents, was a teenager and was having difficulty in school. She was surprised at the decision to discharge her from the Navy. She feels that she is meant to be in the Navy, enjoys the environment, would like to serve, and has matured significantly since the age of 14. Further, the report states that she has no evidence of any frustration, agitation, or restlessness, and denies any suicidal ideation or plans. The report diagnoses her presently with an adjustment reaction due to the issue of the divorce of her parents and anxiety.

CONCLUSION:

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

The record reflects that Petitioner was properly discharged. Specifically, she was diagnosed with a medical condition that existed prior to her entry into the Navy, was processed for separation by reason of erroneous entry, and was subsequently separated. The Board found that the incident that occurred at the age 14 should not be held against her under the

circumstances, and since no inappropriate behavior occurred during recruit training, she should be allowed the opportunity for further service. The Board concludes that the record should be corrected to show she received an RE-8 reenlistment code, which is available to recruits assigned to Recruit Training Command for initial training only, who fail to complete it due to a temporary medical condition.

In view of the above, the Board recommends the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 4 January 2011, she was assigned an RE-8 reentry code vice the RE-4 reentry code actually issued on that date.

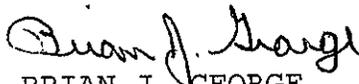
b. That any material or entries inconsistent with or relating to the Board's recommendation be corrected, removed, or completely expunged from Petitioner's record and that no such entries or material be added to the record in the future.

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.

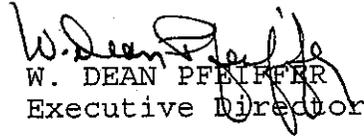
d. That upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received on 31 May 2011.

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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder


BRIAN J. GEORGE
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 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.


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director