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BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 04319-12  
20 March 2013

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

Subj: REVIEW NAVAL RECORD OF [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 his RE-4 (not recommended for reenlistment) reentry code assigned on 22 November 1996 be changed. He also impliedly requested that his narrative reason for separation "personality disorder" and separation program designator (SPD) "JFX" (personality disorder) be changed.

2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Boyd and Storz and Ms. Wilcher, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 19 March 2013 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. Although 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.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 15 September 1996. On 8 November 1996, a recruit medical evaluation diagnosed him with Post Traumatic Stress

Disorder (PTSD) that existed prior to his enlistment. At that time he was recommended for separation. Subsequently, he was notified of proposed action for an administrative separation for the convenience of the government due to the diagnosed PTSD. His commanding officer directed separation and on 22 November 1996, he received an uncharacterized entry level separation due to a personality disorder. At that time, he was assigned a RE-4 reentry code.

d. Separation by reason of a personality disorder is not proper. Petitioner was diagnosed with PTSD. PTSD, according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM), is not a personality disorder.

#### CONCLUSION:

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

Although Petitioner was diagnosed with PTSD, his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) erroneously states that he was separated by reason of a personality disorder. Consequently, the narrative reason for separation on the DD Form 214 should be changed to "secretarial authority" and SPD code to "JFF" (secretarial authority). Nevertheless, the Board finds that Petitioner's RE-4 reentry code is proper due to his diagnosed PTSD.

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

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 22 November 1996, he was discharged by reason of "secretarial authority" vice "personality disorder" and assigned the SPD code of "JFF" vice "JFX" 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 no further relief be granted.

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