



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

EGA  
Docket No: 4634-14  
29 May 2015

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

Subj: REVIEW NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED] USN,  
XXX-XX-[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 reentry code, issued on 17 February 2004, be changed.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 April 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. 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 4 August 2003. The record reflects that he served without disciplinary action.

d. On 9 January 2004, Petitioner was diagnosed with a major depressive "adjustment disorder" with mixed anxiety and depressed moods, and recommended for an administrative separation.

e. Subsequently, Petitioner was erroneously processed for separation due to a diagnosed "personality disorder" and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code. In this regard, on 17 February 2004, he was issued a Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) which reflected an honorable characterization of service by reason of convenience of the government - personality disorder, and an RE-4 reenlistment code.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the clinical provider's letter, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

The Board initially noted that Petitioner's record erroneously reflect a diagnosis of a "personality disorder" as his reason for separation, when in fact, he was diagnosed with an "adjustment disorder." With that being said, the Board noted that if a Sailor was diagnosed with an adjustment disorder and was erroneously separated by reason of a personality disorder, that the erroneous narrative reason for separation should be change to "Secretarial Authority" because his/her situation was not covered at the time of separation. The Board believed that Petitioner's nonrecommendation for reenlistment may have been directly related to the diagnosed "personality disorder" especially since he was not the subject of any disciplinary infractions. Nevertheless, upon further review and Petitioner's post service medical treatment for PTSD, the Board concluded that the RE-4 reenlistment code should now be changed to a more appropriate code, specifically changed to RE-3P, to coincide with the actual reason for separation.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 17 February 2004, he received an honorable discharge by

reason of secretarial authority and assigned an "RE-3P" reentry code. It is further directed that Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) which reflects the foregoing corrections.

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 5 March 2014.

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.



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.



ROBERT J. O'NEILL  
Executive director