



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 1747-21  
Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552  
(b) USD Memo, "Clarifying Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Considering Requests by Veterans for Modification of their Discharge Due to Mental Health Conditions, Sexual Assault, or Sexual Harassment," of 25 August 2017  
(c) USD Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected to reflect an upgraded characterization of service to "honorable."
2. The Board reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error or injustice on 14 July 2021 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) and (c). Additionally, the Board also considered the advisory opinion (AO) furnished by a qualified mental health provider.
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 review the application on its merits.
  - c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 27 June 2000.

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d. On 15 March 2001, Petitioner was psychologically evaluated and subsequently diagnosed with adjustment disorder and dependent personality disorder and recommended for administrative separation.

e. On 5 April 2001, Petitioner was notified that he was being recommended for administrative discharge from the Navy because of convenience of the government due to personality disorder. Petitioner was advised of, and waived his procedural right to consult with military counsel. Petitioner's commanding officer (CO) then forwarded the administrative separation package to the separation authority (SA) recommending that Petitioner be administratively discharged from the Navy. The SA approved and directed Petitioner's administrative discharge from the Navy with an honorable characterization of service by reason of personality disorder. On 13 April 2001, Petitioner was discharged.

f. At the time of his discharge, Petitioner was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) with a characterization of service of "Honorable," separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910 - 122," separation code was "JFX," and narrative reason for separation was "Personality Disorder."

g. Petitioner believes that his record to be in error or unjust because he suffered from depression when he entered the military that worsened during his enlistment. However, he does not believe that it warranted his release from service or that his service would have been diminished because of his illness.

h. As part of the Board's review, a qualified mental health provider reviewed Petitioner's contentions and available records and provided an AO dated 6 July 2021. The AO concluded by opining that, there is sufficient evidence Petitioner exhibited behaviors associated with a mental health condition during his military service (adjustment disorder) and his personality disorder may have been diagnosed in error.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request merits relief, given the totality of his circumstances. The Board reviewed Petitioner's application under the guidance provided in references (b) and (c).

The Board determined that Petitioner's DD Form 214 should be changed to remove any reference to a mental health diagnosis and reflect a less stigmatizing reason for separation. The Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants relief in the form of changing his character of service to "Honorable" and narrative reason for separation to "Secretarial Authority." Additionally, the Board further concluded that the separation authority shall be changed to "MILPERSMAN 1910-164" and separation code changed to "JFF."

#### RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action:

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That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 indicating that on 13 April 2001, he was discharged with an "Honorable" character of service, narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," and separation code was "JFF."

No further action be granted.

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. 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.

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.

7/28/2021

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]