



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 3897-21  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER, ██████████  
USN, XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

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 adjustment to his naval record to change his reason for separation.

2. The Board consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 July 2021 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice or clemency determinations (Wilkie Memo).

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 on 17 January 2008. On 15 April 2008, Petitioner referred himself for substance abuse treatment due to excessive drinking. On 10 April 2009, Petitioner's commanding officer recommended his discharge with a general characterization of service due to being an alcohol rehabilitation failure. Petitioner's commanding officer notes Petitioner was involved in an alcohol related incident with civil authorities while he was on the continuing care treatment program for substance abuse. As a result of the foregoing, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of alcohol rehabilitation failure. On 27 August 2009, Petitioner was discharged with an honorable characterization of service by reason of alcohol rehabilitation failure.

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d. Petitioner contends he completed alcohol rehabilitation and his reason for separation is not correct.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board notes Petitioner did not complete alcohol rehabilitation continuing care and his reason for separation was appropriately listed as alcohol rehabilitation failure. Notwithstanding, the Board noted Petitioner's honorable characterization of service. The Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. In light of the potential for future negative implications, the Board determined Petitioner's narrative reason for separation should be changed to "secretarial authority."

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action: the narrative reason for separation as "secretarial authority," separation code as "JFF," and separation authority as "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 which list the narrative reason for separation as "secretarial authority," separation code as "JFF," and separation authority as "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

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.

7/19/2021

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]