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Docket No: 4287-21
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER [REDACTED] USN,
XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149
(2) Case Summary
(3) Naval Records (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the reference, Petitioner, filed the enclosure with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting a correction to his narrative reason for separation on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 6 August 2021, 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 enclosure, relevant portions of the Petitioner's 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 review the application in its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of service on 26 September 1989. On 28 February 1991, Petitioner received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to report due to overindulgence in alcohol, disrespect towards a noncommissioned officer, and disorderly conduct. On 9 May 1991, Petitioner was disenrolled from the Counseling and Assistance Center (CAAC) level II for breaking program rules. On 13 May 1991, Petitioner was counseled for previous Uniform Code of Military Justice violations and advised that failure to take corrective action could result in administrative separation. On 30 May 1991, Petitioner received a second

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NJP for a period of unauthorized absence (UA). On 12 June 1991, Petitioner was diagnosed by a medical officer with psychological alcohol dependency. On 20 June 1991, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense, and alcohol rehabilitation failure. On 25 June 1991, Petitioner elected the right to an administrative discharge board (ADB) hearing. On 14 August 1991, an ADB voted (2) to (1) that Petitioner did not commit misconduct due to commission of a serious offense, and (3) to (0) that Petitioner was an alcohol abuse rehabilitation failure. The ADB also recommended that Petitioner be separated from service with a general (GEN) characterization of service. On 28 August 1991, the Petitioner's commanding officer forwarded Petitioner's separation package to the separation authority concurring with the recommendations of the ADB. On 10 September 1991, the separation authority approved a characterization of service warranted by service. On 17 October 1991, Petitioner was discharged with an honorable characterization of service.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes the Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board determined that the narrative reason for separation, "Alcohol Abuse Rehabilitation Failure" be changed to "Secretarial Authority" in order to remove the stigma of alcohol abuse rehabilitation failure. The Board concluded that no useful purpose is served by continuing to characterize the Petitioner's narrative reason for separation as being by reason of alcohol abuse rehabilitation failure, and changing it to secretarial authority is now more appropriate

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 with narrative reason for separation reflecting Secretarial Authority, vice Alcohol Abuse Rehabilitation Failure.

That no further action be granted.

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 Regulations Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing

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corrective action, taken under the authority of the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

8/20/2021

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]