



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No: 4971-21

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) Wilkie Memo

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 upgrading his characterization of service listed on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (a) and (b) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 24 September 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 enclosures, relevant portions of his naval service records, 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. The Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 18 September 1989. On 5 January 1990, Petitioner was diagnosed by a medical officer with adjustment disorder with suicidal ideations, and antisocial and borderline traits. On 26 January 1990, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings with an entry level separation by reason of convenience of the government due to physical or mental

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conditions. Petitioner elected to waive all his procedural rights. On 2 February 1990, the Petitioner's commanding officer recommended that he be administratively separated with an entry level characterization of service. On 16 February 1990, Petitioner was discharged with an entry level characterization of service due to other physical or mental conditions by reason of personality disorder.

d. Petitioner contends that a discharge characterization upgrade will allow him to gain access to his VA Benefits and get housing.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. With respect to the Petitioner's request to change his characterization of service, the Board determined that there existed no basis for relief. With respect to the Petitioner's narrative reason for separation, in light of the potential for future negative implications, the Board determined Petitioner's narrative reason for separation should be changed from "other physical or mental condition personality disorder" to "secretarial authority."

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

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.
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

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

10/17/2021

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Executive Director

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