

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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> Docket No: 5685-21 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF USN,

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

(b) USECDEF 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 narrative reason for separation be changed. Implicit in this request is that changes also be made to Petitioner's separation authority and separation program designator (SPD) indicated on Petitioner's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).
- 2. The Board, consisting of reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 29 September 2021 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 reference (b).
- 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 15 July 2002. On 5 October 2006, Petitioner received non-judicial punishment (NJP) for assault. Unfortunately, Petitioner's official military personnel file (OMPF) is incomplete in that it does not contain all the documents pertaining to his administrative discharge. In this regard, the Board relies on a presumption of regularity to support the official actions of public officials and, in the absence of

substantial evidence to the contrary (as is the case at present), will presume that they have properly discharged their official duties.

- d. At the time of his discharge, Petitioner was issued a DD Form 214 with a characterization of service of "Honorable," separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-122," separation code was "JFX," reenlistment code was "RE-3G," and narrative reason for separation was "Convenience of the Government Personality Disorder."
 - e. Petitioner contends that he was misdiagnosed with a personality disorder.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Additionally, the Board reviewed Petitioner's application under the guidance provided in reference (b). Specifically, the Board considered whether his application was the type that was intended to be covered by this policy.

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 the narrative reason for separation to "Secretarial Authority," separation authority to "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," and SPD code to "JFF."

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action:

That Petitioner's be issued a new DD Form 214 and discharge certificate indicating that on 10 November 2006, Petitioner's narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," the separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," and the SPD code assigned was "JFF."

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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 Regulations, 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.

10/18/2021

Executive Director

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