



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 6982-21
Ref: Signature Date

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

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USN, XXX-XX-█

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) 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 his naval record be corrected to change his narrative reason for separation, separation authority, and separation code to reflect that he was discharged due to Secretarial Authority from Personality Disorder.

2. The Board consisting of █, █, and █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 29 November 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 21 October 1992. On 28 June 1995, the Petitioner commenced a period of unauthorized absence, which was terminated by his surrender on 11 July 1995. On 19 June 1995, the Petitioner was diagnosed with a personality disorder by Fleet

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Mental Health Unit, [REDACTED] On 14 July 1995, the Petitioner received nonjudicial punishment for abandoning his watch and for his period of unauthorized absence described above. The Petitioner was processed for administrative separation by reason of personality disorder, and on 12 September 1995, he was so discharged.

d. The Petitioner contends that his diagnosis of a personality disorder was improper in light of his contentions that prior to entering the Navy he was not diagnosed with a personality disorder, and after his discharge, he was found not to have a personality disorder. According to the Petitioner, personality disorders are permanent, thus if he had properly been diagnosed with a personality disorder, he would continue to meet the diagnosis.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board determined that, while there was no error or injustice in the Petitioner's narrative reason for separation, in light of the potential of stigma or other negative implications, the Board determined Petitioner's narrative reason for separation should be changed to "Secretarial Authority" and other indicia on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be conformed to reflect that narrative reason.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs that the Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 which list the narrative reason for separation "Secretarial Authority," separation authority as "MILPERSMAN 3630900", and separation code "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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

12/14/2021

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]