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> Docket No: 7309-21 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

- (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 her reentry code be changed on her Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).
- 2. The Board, consisting of property, and property, and property, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 6 December 2021, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 her naval service records, 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 U.S. Navy and began a period of active service on 24 May 2007. On 28 June 2007, Petitioner was admitted to the in-patient psychiatric unit at the Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital. On 2 July 2007, a psychiatric administrative evaluation from the

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VA Psychiatric Liaison Officer, Naval Clinics , documented Petitioner did not meet the minimum physical standards for enlistment due to a condition that existed prior to entry.

- d. On 10 July 2007, Petitioner was notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of defective enlistment and inductions erroneous enlistment as evidenced by her psychiatric evaluation. Petitioner waived her procedural rights. On 13 July 2007, Petitioner's commanding officer recommended Petitioner be discharged with an uncharacterized (entry level separation) characterization of service due to her disqualifying psychiatric condition. On 20 July 2007, Petitioner was discharged by reason of erroneous enlistment with an uncharacterized (entry level separation) characterization of service and assigned an RE-4 reentry code.
- e. Petitioner contends she was given an RE-4 (ineligible for reenlistment) reentry code which is incorrect and should reflect RE-3F. Petitioner submitted an additional statement and numerous documents to include college transcripts, military instructions, court documents, congressional correspondence, and health articles for consideration.
- f. BUPERS Instruction 1900.8B in effect at the time of Petitioner's separation indicates that Sailors separated due to erroneous entry (JFC) are eligible for an RE-3E reentry code (Inducted / Enlisted / Extended / Reenlisted in error). An RE-3F (Failed the physical fitness assessment (PFA) is not commensurate with erroneous entry discharges

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. The Board reviewed the application under the guidance provided in reference (b).

In reaching its conclusion, the Board noted that there was no error in Petitioner's separation processing and that she was eligible for an RE-4 reentry code based on the narrative reason for separation. The Board further noted that an RE-3F is not authorized for erroneous entry separations.

The Board believes that Petitioner's post-service educational accomplishments and desire to return to military service may indicate better-coping skills and that basis for separation may no longer exist. A change to the reentry code will allow the Petitioner to apply for a waiver and potentially return to military service.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) indicating a RE-3E reentry code.

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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

Deputy Director
Signed by: