



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No: 7576-21

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

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 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be corrected to reflect his desire to change his reenlistment code from "RE-4" (not recommended for reenlistment) and characterization of service from "Uncharacterized".

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 1 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 his naval service 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 on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 21 January 2020. Per Petitioner's commanding Officer's (CO) report of administration separation, on 20 March 2020, a letter from the federal health care center (FHCC) documented Petitioner was diagnosed with a medical condition and recommended he be administratively separated. On 27 March 2020, FHCC provided a second letter capturing a second recommendation that Petitioner be administratively separated. Additionally, Petitioner was counseled by his command via administrative remarks regarding his diagnosis and notifying him that his present medical condition is not considered a physical

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disability but may be a disqualifying factor in determining his suitability for further service. The letter ended by informing Petitioner that he was being processed for administrative separation. Although given an opportunity to provide a statement, Petitioner did not do so.

d. Subsequently, Petitioner was notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government (COG) as evidenced by a medical condition not amounting to a disability. Petitioner waived his procedural rights. On 6 April 2020, after serving two (2) months and sixteen (16) days of active duty, Petitioner was discharged by reason of COG with an uncharacterized characterization of service, and assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for reenlistment) reentry code.

e. The Petitioner's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflects narrative reason for separation: "Convenience of the Government".

f. Petitioner contends he was given an RE-4 reentry code once separated due his skin's reaction to chlorine. Consequently, he was given multiple "no swim" chits which prevented him from passing required swim qualifications. He adds he was unaware his skin was sensitive to chlorine and attempts to speak with leadership resulted in him being ignored or disbelieved. Lastly, he asserts he has been seen by a dermatologist, an allergist, and another medical provider who all verified that "it could be true," and he requests his reentry code be change to a code that will allow him to join another military branch of service. While the aforementioned is either contained in his records or accompanied his application, in his contentions Petitioner never mentions the medical diagnosis which actually led to his separation.

g. Petitioner did submit two (2) statements, correspondence from both the naval discharge review board and the board for correction of naval records, allergy testing results dated 3 March 2020, and page 1 [of 3] of a discharge summary and education document dated 12 March 2020, for consideration.

#### CONCLUSION:

In regard to the Petitioner's request to change his reentry code from "RE-4," the Board determined relief is warranted in the form of a change to his reentry code to "RE-8." However, upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded the Petitioner's "uncharacterized" characterization of service is in accordance with naval regulation and does not warrant relief.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner be issued a new Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) and new discharge certificate indicating the reentry code as "RE-8" (Temporary medical conditions or unsatisfactory initial performance and conduct (available to recruits assigned to Recruit Training command for initial training only).

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No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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.

12/25/2021

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]