



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No: 7600-21

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

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USN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) SECDEF Memo of 13 Sep 14 (Hagel Memo)  
(c) PDUSD Memo of 24 Feb 16 (Carson Memo)  
(d) USD Memo of 25 Aug 17 (Kurta Memo)  
(e) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments  
(2) Advisory opinion of 20 Dec 21

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his "Under Honorable Conditions" discharge be upgraded to "Honorable." He also impliedly requested that the narrative reason for separation, separation authority, and separation code be changed on his Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 10 January 2022, and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval records, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies to include references (b) through (e). Additionally, The Board also considered the advisory opinion (AO) furnished by a qualified mental health provider.

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. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 14 April 1975.

c. On 18 May 1976, Petitioner was referred for a medical evaluation because of depression and paranoid ideation. He was evaluated after feeling of great inadequacy involving his ability

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to relate to others. He felt people were staring at him whenever he was in a crowd and was feeling depressed with thoughts of suicide for three months or so. He stated that while on cruise onboard the ██████████, the ship collided with the ██████████, he was assigned to parachute packing and had increasing feelings of being watched, that others were critical of his performance and appearance, failure to obtain a regular girlfriend, and it feeling that it had great meaning to him. He was diagnosed with a Personality Disorder.

d. On 27 May 1976, the Medical Department reported Petitioner's diagnosis of a Personality Disorder with Schizoid and Paranoid features, and recommended administrative separation.

e. On 9 June 1976, Petitioner assigned evaluation marks of 2.8, 1.0, 2.8 and 2.0 in Professional Performance, Military Behavior, Military Appearance, and Adaptability respectively due to his constant need for supervision, both to ensure the job was done, and to see that it was done correctly; his constant tardiness when sent to a specific location made it virtually impossible to account for him. He required routine reminders concerning proper grooming and uniform standards. His unwillingness to accept counseling at command or divisional level had consequently had an adverse effect on the rapport within his division.

f. On 17 June 1976, Petitioner was notified of administrative discharge action by reason of Unsuitability due to his diagnosed Personality Disorder.

g. On 9 July 1976, Petitioner was discharged from the Navy with an "Under Honorable Conditions" characterization of service.

h. On 16 July 1976, Petitioner's case was forwarded to the separation authority stating had been separated from the Navy with a General characterization of service.

i. With his application, Petitioner states he was involved in a stressful accident onboard the ██████████ at age 17 when his ship collided with another ship in November 1975, and six months after the incident he began to suffer from mental conditions he could not control. A psychiatrist inform him he had a metal condition known as paranoid disorder, that he agreed to leave the Navy with a general discharge because he thought it was his fault, and that there was no cure for his condition. He further claims he incurred PTSD during the shipboard accident.

j. Enclosure (2), states that in-service, Petitioner was diagnosed with a Personality Disorder. Post-service, the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined service connection for PTSD. It is plausible that the symptoms that were diagnosed as a personality disorder in service would be characterized as symptoms of PTSD if the Petitioner were evaluated with the current understanding of the impact of trauma on behavior. Based on the available evidence, there is evidence that the Petitioner incurred PTSD during military service, and there is evidence that the circumstances surrounding his separation could be attributed to PTSD.

## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that the Petitioner's request warrants favorable action in the form of relief.

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The Board reviewed his application under the guidance provided in references (b) through (e). Additionally, the Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in Petitioner's case in accordance with the Wilkie Memo. Based upon this review, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. Although he was diagnosed with a "Personality Disorder," the Board concludes that his narrative reason should be changed in order to eliminate the possibility of invasive questions. Further, the Board voted to change his characterization of service to Honorable

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, showing that on 9 July 1976, he received an "Honorable" discharge.

That Petitioner's narrative reason for discharge was "Separation for other good and sufficient reasons when determined by the Secretary of the Navy."

That the separation authority to read "BUPERSMAN 3850220."

That the separation code to read "JFF."

That Petitioner be issued an honorable discharge certificate.

That no further action be granted.

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.

1/21/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]