

Docket No: 7761-21 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

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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 his record be corrected to upgrade her characterization of service from entry level separation to general or honorable. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board consisting of **Construction**, **Construction**, and **Construction** reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 February 2022 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 13 May 1985. On 16 July 1985, a medical officer diagnosed the Petitioner with Enuresis. On 18 July 1985, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of convenience of the government due to a physical condition not a disability, at which point, he elected to waive all his procedural rights. On the same date, the Petitioner's commanding officer recommended an entry-level separation (ELS) by reason of convenience of the government due to a physical condition not a disability. As a result of the foregoing, the separation authority

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approved and ordered that Petitioner be separated from the Marine Corps with an ELS characterization of service by reason of convenience of the government due to a condition not a physical disability. On the same date, Petitioner was discharged.

d. Petitioner contends he was erroneously discharged from service with an ELS characterization of service. Further, Petitioner claims that the reason for his discharge was attributed to a medical condition that he developed while in boot camp.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Applicable regulations authorize an uncharacterized entry-level separation if the processing of an individual's separation begins within 180 days of the individual's entry on active service. Therefore, based on Petitioner's record of service that totaled less than 180 days of active duty service, the Board determined no error on injustice in the Petitioner's assigned characterization of service. In making this finding, the Board also considered that Petitioner was appropriately discharged for condition not a disability based on his Enuresis diagnosis. Enuresis was not considered a compensable disability condition under the disability regulations in effect at the time of Petitioner's discharge from the Marine Corps.

Notwithstanding the above finding, in light of the potential for future stigma associated with the narrative reason for separation listed on his current DD Form 214, the Board determined Petitioner's narrative reason for separation should be changed to "secretarial authority," SPD code to change to "JFF," and "MILPERSMAN 1910-164" as separation authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action: Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating "secretarial authority" as the narrative reason for separation, "JFF" as SPD code, and "MILPERSMAN 1910-164" as separation authority. A copy of this report of proceedings shall 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.

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