



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 1450-22

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  
(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 w/enls

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his narrative reason for separation "Character and Behavior Disorders-Individual Evaluation" be removed from his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). He also impliedly requested that the separation authority and separation code be changed. Enclosure (1) applies.
2. The Board reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 March 2022 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 Petitioner's naval records, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies to including 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. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 30 October 1972.
  - c. On 30 May 1973, Petitioner was diagnosed with an Inadequate Personality that existed prior to his entry onto active duty.
  - d. On 7 June 1973, Petitioner was notified of administrative discharge by reason of unsuitability because of a personality disorder, and emotionally unstable.

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e. On 3 July 1973, Petitioner's case was forwarded to the separation authority stating that Petitioner was an extremely immature individual whose erratic behavior had been a problem to his department and the command.

f. On 19 July 1973, the separation authority directed that Petitioner receive a "Type warranted by service record" discharge due to unsuitability, and that the "Reason not to be shown."

g. On 24 July 1973, Petitioner was discharged from the Navy with a General characterization of service.

h. On 7 April 2021, the Board for Correction of Naval Records reviewed Petitioner's characterization of service and upgraded it to Honorable.

i. Petitioner's request was fully and carefully considered by the Board in light of the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice or clemency determinations (Wilkie Memo).

## 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. The Board reviewed his application under the guidance provided in references (b) and determined that in accordance with the Wilkie memo, Petitioner warrants relief as a matter of clemency. Based upon this review, although he was diagnosed with a Character and Behavior Disorder, the Board concludes that, his (DD Form 214) should be changed to read that the narrative reason for his discharge was "Secretarial Authority" to eliminate the possibilities of invasive questions or associated stigma.

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 narrative reason for discharge was "Secretarial Authority," the separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," and the separation code was "JFF."

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

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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.

4/5/2022

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Executive Director  
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