



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No: 4463-22
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

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XXX-XX-█

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary
(3) Subject's naval record (DD Form 214)

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 naval record be corrected to establish his correct Social Security Number (SSN) on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 21 September 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, naval 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 waive the statute limitation and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and commenced a period of active duty on 14 February 1984.

d. On 16 May 1985, Petitioner received non-judicial punishment (NJP) for unauthorized absence (UA) for seven days. Later that month, Petitioner received a medical evaluation and was diagnosed with a Personality Disorder. On 24 July 1986, he was released from active duty

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with an Honorable character of service for Other Physical/Mental Conditions – Personality Disorder.

e. At the time of his release from active duty, he was issued a DD Form 214 which reflected his SSN as “[REDACTED].”

f. Petitioner provided a copy of his Social Security Card that reflects his correct SSN as “[REDACTED].”

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner’s request warrants favorable action. The Board notes that Petitioner provided sufficient evidence (i.e., a Social Security Card), which reflect his correct SSN as [REDACTED], to support his request. As such, the Board determined Petitioner’s record should be corrected to reflect the correct SSN.

Further, in keeping with the letter and spirit of the Wilkie Memo, the Board determined that it would be an injustice to label one’s discharge as being for a diagnosed character and behavior and/or adjustment disorder. Describing Petitioner’s service in this manner attaches a considerable negative and unnecessary stigma, and fundamental fairness and medical privacy concerns dictate a change. Accordingly, the Board concluded that Petitioner’s discharge should not be labeled as being for a mental health-related condition and that certain remedial administrative changes are warranted to the DD Form 214. Specifically, the Board determined a change his Narrative Reason for Separation to Secretarial Authority, with associated changes to his SPD code and Separation Authority, would sufficiently address any injustice in Petitioner’s record.

Notwithstanding the recommended correction below, the Board concluded Petitioner’s reentry code should remain unchanged based on his unsuitability for continued naval service.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting, for the period ending 24 July 1986, his SSN as [REDACTED], a narrative reason for separation as “Secretarial Authority”, SPD code as “JFF,” and his separation authority as “MILPERSMAN 1910-164.”

That no further changes be made to the 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.

9/30/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]