



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No: 7920-22

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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) Title 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case Summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board specifically stating her discharged was characterized incorrectly because she was medically discharged because she could not have surgery. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 November 2022, and pursuant to its regulations, determined the partial corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your 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 interests of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

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c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active service on 1 August 1995.

d. Petitioner was referred to undergo a medical evaluation following her complaints of difficulty adjusting to the pressures of boot camp due to significant family problems and problems adjusting with her Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) due to her inability to take Ritalin while in bootcamp. On 27 September 1995, Petitioner was diagnosed with adjustment disorder with depressed mood, ADHD and recommended for an entry-level separation (ELS). Petitioner was encouraged to resolve her depression by attending to family matters and to determine if she can function without Ritalin before attempting to reenlist.

e. Subsequently Petitioner was counseled and notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of convenience of the government due to adjustment disorder. Petitioner waived her right to consult with counsel or submit a statement on her behalf. On 29 September 1995, the separation authority directed Petitioner's discharge. Petitioner was discharged on 4 October 1995, with an uncharacterized character of service, narrative reason for separation of personality disorder, JFX separation code, MILPERSMAN 3620200 separation authority, and RE-4 reentry code.

F. Regulations at the time authorized an uncharacterized ELS if the separation was initiated within the first 180 days of continuous active duty. Additionally the separation code for personality disorder allowed the command the discretion to direct either an RE-3G (condition, not a physical disability, interfering with performance of duty) or RE-4 (not eligible for reenlistment) reentry code.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. The Board noted Petitioner's statement, but determined there was insufficient evidence to support the contention that she was supposed to be medically discharged because she was unable to have surgery. The Board determined Petitioner's administrative separation proceedings were initiated with sufficient cause based on her medical diagnosis. Petitioner was notified of the initiation of her separation proceedings well within the 180 day cutoff. Subsequently, the Board determined no error on injustice in the Petitioner's characterization of service, therefore change is not warranted.

The Board determined Petitioner's narrative reason for separation, separation authority, and SPD should be changed to remove the possibility of any future negative or stigmatizing implications as the result of a mental health diagnosis on her Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

The Board further determined that no change should be made to Petitioner's reentry code as she has provided no documentation that the issues that existed during her time in service have resolved.

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following partial corrective action.

Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 to reflect a narrative reason for separation of secretarial authority, separation code of JFF, and separation authority of MILPERSMAN 3630900.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's 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.

12/4/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]