



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 367-23  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █, USN  
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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149  
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 correction to the narrative reason for separation on his DD Form 214. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 22 March 2023, 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 his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error 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 U.S. Navy Reserve and began a period of active duty on 12 July 1990. On 23 July 1990, he was notified for separation by reason of Convenience of the Government, Personality Disorder.

d. Documents pertinent to his administrative separation were not in the official military personnel file (OMPF). Notwithstanding, the Board relied on a presumption of regularity to support the official actions of public officers and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, presumed that they had properly discharged their official duties.

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e. Based on information on Petitioner's DD Form 214, he was discharged on 26 July 1990 with an Entry Level Separation characterization of service by reason of Other Physical / Mental Conditions - Personality Disorder .

CONCLUSION:

Upon careful review and consideration of all of the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner's request warrants relief in the interests of justice. The Board determined that it would be an injustice to label one's discharge as being for a diagnosed character and other physical/or mental conditions - personality 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.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 reflecting that his narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," the SPD code assigned was "JFF," and the separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

That 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.

4/3/2023

