



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 7066-23

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF ██████████, ██████████,
USN, ██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)
(c) NAVMILPERSCOMINST 1900.1B, 11 Sep 86

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/ enclosures

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 discharge characterization be changed to reflect "Honorable, General, or uncharacterized separation." Enclosure (1) applies.
2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 30 October 2023, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) and (c).
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 Petitioner's application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.
 - c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 5 November 1990.
 - d. On 15 November 1990, Petitioner was advised via notification procedures of his processing for administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to his Personality Disorder (PD), not otherwise specified, with borderline and dependent features. The following day, the Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Command, authorized Petitioner's

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entry level separation. He was discharged, on 21 November 1990, with 17 days of total active service for the narrative reason of "Other Physical/Mental Conditions – Personality Disorder" with his uncharacterized service described as "Entry Level Separation."

e. Reference (c) provides instructions for the completion of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. It specifies for block 24, Character of Service, to enter in capital letters "one of the following" for each possible type of characterization. For entry level separation, it directs to use "ENTRY LEVEL SEPARATION (UNCHARACTERIZED)."

f. Petitioner contends, in relevant part, that his eligibility for veteran benefits is adversely affected by the terminology of his characterization of service, which includes only "entry level separation" and erroneously omits the "uncharacterized" language.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action in the form of relief. The Board reviewed his application under the guidance provided in references (b).

In keeping with the letter and spirit of the current policy regarding review of cases involving mental health conditions, 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.

Additionally, the Board found that the omission of "uncharacterized" from the description of his characterization of service resulted in actual error and merits relief to conform with regulatory guidance in effect at the time of his discharge.

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) indicating that, on 27 April 2001, he was separated with an "Uncharacterized" discharge, under the authority of "MILPERSMAN 3630900," for the narrative reason of "Secretary Plenary Authority," with a separation code of "JFF," and a reentry code of "RE-1J."

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

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

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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.

11/20/2023

