1. Applicant's Name:

a. Application Date: 8 March 2021

b. Date Received: 22 April 2021

c. Counsel: None

2. REQUEST, ISSUES, BOARD TYPE, AND DECISION:

- **a. Applicant's Requests and Issues:** The current characterization of service for the period under review is general (under honorable conditions). The applicant requests an upgrade to honorable.
- **b.** The applicant seeks relief contending, in effect, the applicant had a bad drinking problem and attended the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) at Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels. The applicant also was on Trazadone to help the applicant sleep due to having PTSD. The command was aware that the medication caused the applicant to oversleep however they did not provide assistance. This caused the applicant to receive two CG Articles 15 and a FG Article 15. The applicant received several CG Articles 15 that were dismissed due to fraudulent charges. The applicant was never transferred to a different unit per policy; however, the applicant was transferred to different companies within the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment and the prejudice followed. The applicant's medical file was shredded in Hohenfels. The applicant is on medication and seeking treatment for their mental health. Since the age of 17, the applicant has served their community and completed numerous firefighting courses.
- **c. Board Type and Decision:** In a records review conducted on 9 October 2024, and by a 5-0 vote, the Board determined the discharge is inequitable based on the circumstances surrounding the discharge (Depressive Disorder and PTSD diagnoses) and the applicant's length of service, to include combat service. Therefore, the Board voted to grant relief in the form of an upgrade of the characterization of service to Honorable and changed the separation authority to AR 635-200, paragraph 14- 12a, the narrative reason for separation to Misconduct (Minor Infractions), with a corresponding separation code of JKN. The Board determined the reentry code is proper and equitable and voted not to change it.

Please see Section 9 of this document for more detail regarding the Board's decision.

3. DISCHARGE DETAILS:

- a. Reason / Authority / Codes / Characterization: Pattern of Misconduct / AR 635-200, Chapter 14-12b / JKA / RE-3 / General (Under Honorable Conditions)
 - b. Date of Discharge: 27 October 2011
 - c. Separation Facts:
 - (1) Date of Notification of Intent to Separate: 4 October 2011
 - (2) Basis for Separation: The applicant was informed of the following reasons:
- (a) On 31 March 2009, the applicant received a FG Article 15 for violations of Article 111 and Article 92, UCMJ.

- **(b)** On 26 June 2009, the applicant received a CG Article 15 for violations of Article 86, UCMJ on diverse occasions.
- **(c)** On 27 August 2009, the applicant received a CG Article 15 for violations of Article 86, UCMJ on diverse occasions.
- **(d)** On 31 August 2011, the applicant received a CG Article 15 for violations of Article 86, UCMJ.
- **(e)** On 12 May 11, the applicant received a CG Article 15 for violations of Article 86, UCMJ and violation of Article 92, UCMJ.
 - (3) Recommended Characterization: General (Under Honorable Conditions)
 - (4) Legal Consultation Date: 6 October 2011
 - (5) Administrative Separation Board: NA
- **(6) Separation Decision Date / Characterization:** 18 October 2011 / General (Under Honorable Conditions)

4. SERVICE DETAILS:

- a. Date / Period of Enlistment: 8 May 2008 / 6 years and 16 weeks
- b. Age at Enlistment / Education / GT Score: 27 / High School Graduate / 120
- **c. Highest Grade Achieved / MOS / Total Service:** E-3 / 11B10, Infantryman / 3 years, 5 months, and 20 days
 - d. Prior Service / Characterizations: None
- e. Overseas Service / Combat Service: Germany, SWA / Afghanistan (1 September 2010- 6 January 2011)
- f. Awards and Decorations: AAM, NDSM, ACM-2CS, GWOTSM, ASR, OSR-2, NATOMDL
 - g. Performance Ratings: NA
 - h. Disciplinary Action(s) / Evidentiary Record:
- (1) FG Article 15, 31 March 2009, for physically controlling a vehicle while drunk and violating a lawful general regulation by wrongfully driving without a U.S. Forces Certificate of License on or about 27 December 2008. The punishment consisted of a reduction from E-2 to E-1; forfeiture of \$699.75 pay per month for 2 months; and extra duty and restriction for 45 days.
- **(2)** CG Article 15, 27 August 2009, shows the applicant received extra duty and restriction for 14 days, for failing to go at the time prescribed to the applicant's appointed place of duty on or about:
 - 1 July 2009, 0900 ASAP meeting

- 1 July 2009, 1300 at the charge of quarters desk
- 7 July 2009, 0900 formation
- 5 August 2009, 0900 formation
- 11 August 2009, 0900 formation
- (3) CG Article 15, 31 August 2010, for failing to go at the time prescribed to the applicant's appointed place of duty on or about 3 and 24 August 2010. The punishment consisted of a reduction E-2 to E-1 (suspended); and extra duty and restriction for 14 days.
- **(4)** CG Article 15, 12 May 2011, for failing to go at the time prescribed to the applicant's appointed place of duty on or about 27 and 28 March 2011. And for failing to obey a lawful order by wrongfully consuming alcohol during training periods on or about 27 March 2011. The punishment consisted of a reduction from E-3 to E-2; forfeiture of \$383.00 pay; and extra duty and restriction for 14 days.
- (5) On 18 May 2011, the applicant was counseled by the first sergeant for elimination from the Army and initiation of a flag. Over the last 3 years, the applicant failed the ASAP, received multiple Articles 15, drinking while intoxicated, and failure to report. The applicant received two rehabilitative transfers in the battalion.
- **(6)** The applicant's Enlisted Record Brief, 27 May 2011, shows the applicant was flagged for involuntary separation/field initiated (BA), effective 12 May 2011 and for adverse action (AA), effective 28 March 2011; and was ineligible for reenlistment due to Other; prohibitions not otherwise identified (9X).
- (7) Commander's Report, 4 October 2011, states the applicant received a CG Article 15 on 26 June 2009, for violation of Article 86 three times. The punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$365.00 pay; and extra duty and restriction for 10 days.
 - i. Lost Time / Mode of Return: None
 - j. Behavioral Health Condition(s):
 - (1) Applicant provided: None
 - (2) AMHRR Listed:
- (a) Report of Medical Examination, 2 June 2011, the examining medical physician noted the applicant's medical conditions in the comments section: depression, anxiety, and sleep disorder not otherwise specified.
- **(b)** Report of Medical History, 2 June 2011, the examining medical physician noted the applicant's medical conditions in the comments section: routine behavioral health follow up appointments.
- (c) Report of Mental Status Evaluation, 8 June 2011, shows the applicant was cleared for any administrative actions deemed appropriate by the command. The applicant could understand and participate in administrative proceedings; could appreciate the difference between right and wrong; and met medical retention requirements. It was in the professional opinion of the behavioral health provider that the applicant would not respond to command efforts at rehabilitation, or to any behavioral health treatment methods currently available in the military. The applicant had been screened for PTSD and TBI. The conditions were either not present or did not meet AR 40-501 criteria for a medical evaluation board. The command was

advised to consider the influence of these conditions, if present, when determining final disposition. The applicant was diagnosed with adjustment disorder and alcohol dependence.

The ARBA's medical advisor reviewed DoD and VA medical records and not solely those documents listed in 4j(2) above.

- **5. APPLICANT-PROVIDED EVIDENCE:** DD Form 293; self-authored letter; documents written in German; three character statements; court document; Child Protective Services Notification Letter; six West Virginia University Fire Service Extension training completions.
- **6. Post Service Accomplishments:** Issued a certificate of good conduct while in Germany. Worked at Elm-Grove Collision Center and has custody of the applicant's two teenage children and is a good parent.

7. STATUTORY, REGULATORY AND POLICY REFERENCE(S):

- **a.** Section 1553, Title 10, United States Code (Review of Discharge or Dismissal) provides for the creation, composition, and scope of review conducted by a Discharge Review Board(s) within established governing standards. As amended by Sections 521 and 525 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, 10 USC 1553 provides specific guidance to the Military Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records and Discharge Review Boards when considering discharge upgrade requests by Veterans claiming Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), sexual trauma, intimate partner violence (IPV), or spousal abuse, as a basis for discharge review. The amended guidance provides that Boards will include, as a voting board member, a physician trained in mental health disorders, a clinical psychologist, or a psychiatrist when the discharge upgrade claim asserts a mental health condition, including PTSD, TBI, sexual trauma, IPV, or spousal abuse, as a basis for the discharge. Further, the guidance provides that Military Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records and Discharge Review Boards will develop and provide specialized training specific to sexual trauma, IPV, spousal abuse, as well as the various responses of individuals to trauma.
- **b.** Multiple Department of Defense Policy Guidance Memoranda published between 2014 and 2018. The documents are commonly referred to by the signatory authorities' last names (2014 Secretary of Defense Guidance [Hagel memo], 2016 Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness [Carson memo], 2017 Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness [Kurta memo], and 2018 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness [Wilkie memo].
- (1) Individually and collectively, these documents provide further clarification to the Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records when considering requests by Veterans for modification of their discharge due to mental health conditions, including PTSD; TBI; sexual assault; or sexual harassment. Liberal consideration will be given to Veterans petitioning for discharge relief when the application for relief is based in whole or in part on matters relating to mental health conditions, including PTSD; TBI; sexual assault; or sexual harassment. Special consideration will be given to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) determinations that document a mental health condition, including PTSD; TBI; or sexual assault/harassment potentially contributed to the circumstances resulting in a less than honorable discharge characterization. Special consideration will also be given in cases where a civilian provider confers diagnoses of a mental health condition, including PTSD; TBI; or sexual assault/harassment if the case records contain narratives supporting symptomatology at the time of service or when any other evidence which may reasonably indicate that a mental health condition, including PTSD; TBI; or sexual assault/harassment existed at the time of discharge might have mitigated the misconduct that caused a discharge of lesser characterization.

- (2) Conditions documented in the service record that can reasonably be determined to have existed at the time of discharge will be considered to have existed at the time of discharge. In cases in which a mental health condition, including PTSD; TBI; or sexual assault/harassment may be reasonably determined to have existed at the time of discharge, those conditions will be considered potential mitigating factors in the misconduct that caused the characterization of service in question. All Boards will exercise caution in weighing evidence of mitigation in cases in which serious misconduct precipitated a discharge with a less than Honorable characterization of service. Potentially mitigating evidence of the existence of undiagnosed combat related PTSD, PTSD-related conditions due to TBI or sexual assault/harassment as causative factors in the misconduct resulting in discharge will be carefully weighed against the severity of the misconduct. PTSD is not a likely cause of premeditated misconduct. Caution shall be exercised in weighing evidence of mitigation in all cases of misconduct by carefully considering the likely causal relationship of symptoms to the misconduct.
- **c.** Army Regulation 15-180 (Army Discharge Review Board), sets forth the policies and procedures under which the Army Discharge Review Board is authorized to review the character, reason, and authority of any Servicemember discharged from active military service within 15 years of the Servicemember's date of discharge. Additionally, it prescribes actions and composition of the Army Discharge Review Board under Public Law 95-126; Section 1553, Title 10 United States Code; and Department of Defense Directive 1332.41 and Instruction 1332.28.
- **d.** Army Regulation 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations), provides the basic authority for the separation of enlisted personnel.
- (1) Paragraph 1-16 (Counseling and rehabilitative requirements), states except as otherwise indicated in this regulation, commanders will ensure that adequate counseling and rehabilitative measures are taken before initiating separation proceedings for minor disciplinary infractions or a pattern of misconduct (paragraphs 14-12a and 14-12b).
- (a) The rehabilitative transfer requirements in chapter 14 may be waived by the separation authority in circumstances where common sense and sound judgment indicate that such transfer will serve no useful purpose or produce a quality Soldier. Such circumstances may include:
 - Two consecutive failures of the Army physical fitness test
 - Pregnancy while in entry-level status
 - Highly disruptive or potentially suicidal behavior, particularly in reception battalions
 - Active resistance of rehabilitative efforts
 - Soldiers assigned to small installations or at remote locations
 - Situations in which transfer to a different duty station would be detrimental to the indebtedness, participation in the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program, Mental Health Treatment Program, and so forth)
- **(b)** When a Soldier's conduct or performance becomes unacceptable, the commander will ensure that a responsible official formally notifies the Soldier of their deficiencies. At least one formal counseling session is required before separation proceedings may be initiated for one or more of the reasons specified in subparagraph 7d(1)(a), above. In addition, there must be evidence that the Soldier's deficiencies continued after the initial formal counseling.
- (2) An honorable discharge is a separation with honor and is appropriate when the quality of the Soldier's service generally has met the standards of acceptable conduct and performance of duty for Army personnel or is otherwise so meritorious that any other characterization would be clearly inappropriate.

- (3) A general discharge is a separation from the Army under honorable conditions and is issued to a Soldier whose military record is satisfactory but not sufficiently meritorious to warrant an honorable discharge.
- (4) Chapter 14 establishes policy and prescribes procedures for separating members for misconduct. Specific categories include minor disciplinary infractions, a pattern of misconduct, and commission of a serious offense, to include abuse of illegal drugs, convictions by civil authorities and desertion or being absent without leave. Action will be taken to separate a member for misconduct when it is clearly established that rehabilitation is impractical or unlikely to succeed.
- (5) Paragraph 14-3, prescribes a discharge under other than honorable conditions is normally appropriate for a Soldier discharged under this chapter. However, the separation authority may direct a general discharge if such is merited by the Soldier's overall record.
- **(6)** Paragraph 14-12b, addresses a pattern of misconduct consisting of either discreditable involvement with civilian or military authorities or discreditable conduct and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline including conduct violating the accepted standards of personal conduct found in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Army Regulations, the civilian law and time-honored customs and traditions of the Army.
- (7) Chapter 15 provides explicitly for separation under the prerogative of the Secretary of the Army. Secretarial plenary separation authority is exercised sparingly and seldom delegated. Ordinarily, it is used when no other provision of this regulation applies, and early separation is clearly in the Army's best interest. Separations under this paragraph are effective only if approved in writing by the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary's approved designee as announced in updated memoranda. Secretarial separation authority is normally exercised on a case-by-case basis.
- **e.** Army Regulation 635-5-1 (SPD Codes), provides the specific authorities (regulatory or directive), reasons for separating Soldiers from active duty, and the SPD codes to be entered on the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). It identifies the SPD code of "JKA" as the appropriate code to assign enlisted Soldiers who are discharged under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-200, Chapter 14, paragraph 12b, pattern of misconduct.
- **f.** Army Regulation 601-210 (Regular Army and Reserve Components Enlistment Program), governs eligibility criteria, policies, and procedures for enlistment and processing of persons into the Regular Army, the U.S. Army Reserve, and Army National Guard for enlistment per DODI 1304.26. It also prescribes the appointment, reassignment, management, and mobilization of Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets under the Simultaneous Membership Program. Chapter 4 provides the criteria and procedures for waiverable and nonwaiverable separations. Table 3-1, defines reentry eligibility (RE) codes:
- (1) RE-1 Applies to: Person completing his or her term of active service who is considered qualified to reenter the U.S. Army. Eligibility: Qualified for enlistment if all other criteria are met.
- **(2)** RE-3 Applies to: Person who is not considered fully qualified for reentry or continuous service at time of separation, but disqualification is waiverable. Eligibility: Ineligible unless a waiver is granted.

- (3) RE-4 Applies to: Person separated from last period of service with a nonwaiverable disqualification. This includes anyone with a DA imposed bar to reenlistment in effect at time of separation or separated for any reason (except length of service retirement) with 18 or more years active Federal service. Eligibility: Ineligible for enlistment.
- **8. SUMMARY OF FACT(S):** The Army Discharge Review Board considers applications for upgrade as instructed by Department of Defense Instruction 1332.28.
- **a.** The applicant requests an upgrade to honorable. The applicant's AMHRR, the issues, and documents submitted with the application were carefully reviewed.
- **b.** The applicant's DD Form 214 shows the applicant served 3 years, 5 months, and 20 days during which the applicant served 4 months and 6 days in Afghanistan. The applicant received five Record of Proceedings under Article 15, UCMJ for misconduct. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows the applicant was discharged on 27 October 2011 under the provisions of AR 635-200, Chapter 14, paragraph 14-12b, by reason of Pattern of Misconduct, with a characterization of service of general (under honorable conditions).
- **c.** The applicant contends, in effect, the applicant had a bad drinking problem and attended the ASAP at Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels. The applicant also was on Trazadone to help the applicant sleep due to having PTSD. The command was aware that the medication caused the applicant to oversleep however they did not provide assistance. This caused the applicant to receive two CG Articles 15 and a FG Article 15. The applicant received several CG Articles 15 that were dismissed due to fraudulent charges. The applicant is on medication and seeking treatment for their mental health. The applicant stated their medical file was shredded in Hohenfels.
- (1) The applicant's AMHRR shows the applicant received five Record of Proceedings under Article 15, UCMJ for misconduct. Evidence shows the applicant was found guilty of all specifications.
- (2) The Military Review Boards representative attempted to request medical documentation to support the claim of PTSD, however the applicant does not have an email and their telephone number currently belongs to someone else.
- **d.** The applicant contends, in effect, the applicant was never transferred to a different unit per policy; however, the applicant was transferred to different companies within the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment and the prejudice followed.
- (1) The applicant's AMHRR shows the applicant was counseled on 18 May 2011, by the first sergeant for elimination from the Army and initiation of a flag. Over the last 3 years, the applicant failed the ASAP, received multiple Articles 15, drinking while intoxicated, and failure to report. The applicant received two rehabilitative transfers in the battalion.
 - **(1)** AR 635-200, states:
- (a) The rehabilitative transfer requirements in chapter 14 may be waived by the separation authority in circumstances where common sense and sound judgment indicate that such transfer will serve no useful purpose or produce a quality Soldier.
- **(b)** Except as otherwise indicated in this regulation, commanders must make maximum use of counseling and rehabilitation before determining that a Soldier has no potential for further useful service and, therefore, should be separated. In this regard, commanders will ensure that

adequate counseling and rehabilitative measures are taken before initiating separation proceedings for the following reasons:

- Involuntary separation due to parenthood
- Personality disorder
- Other designated physical or mental conditions
- Entry-level performance and conduct
- Unsatisfactory performance
- Minor disciplinary infractions or a pattern of misconduct
- Failure to meet body fat standards
- **(c)** The AMHRR shows the applicant received five Record of Proceedings under Article 15, UCMJ for misconduct.
- **e.** The third party statements provided with the application states the applicant is an ethical, good hearted and caring person who just wants to provide the best for the applicant's family. The applicant is generous with time and takes most every opportunity to help others. The applicant is a genuine, man of the applicant's word that has compassion for others and is willing to help make a difference for someone if the applicant is capable of doing so. The applicant invests great energy into keeping the applicant's spouse and children a priority.
- **f.** The applicant was issued a certificate of good conduct while in Germany. Worked at Elm-Grove Collision Center in WV. The applicant has custody of the applicant's two teenage children and is a good parent. The Army Discharge Review Board is authorized to consider post-service factors in the recharacterization of a discharge. No law or regulation provides for the upgrade of an unfavorable discharge based solely on the passage of time or good conduct in civilian life after leaving the service. The Board reviews each discharge on a case-by-case basis to determine if post-service accomplishments help demonstrate previous in-service misconduct was an aberration and not indicative of the member's overall character.
- **g.** Analyst notes block 12f (Foreign Service) of the applicant's DD Form 214 has administrative irregularities as follows:
- (1) Block 12f (Foreign Service), incorrectly reflects the total of foreign service in Germany which includes deployment to Afghanistan (9 September 2008 27 October 2011 (3 years, 1 month, and 19 days)).
- (2) AR 635-5, states from the enlisted record brief, enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered in block 12c (Net Active Service this Period).
- (3) This does not fall within this Board's purview; however, the applicant may apply to the ABCMR, using the enclosed DD Form 149 regarding this matter. A DD Form 149 may also be obtained from a Veterans' Service Organization.
- **h.** Published Department of Defense guidance indicates that the guidance is not intended to interfere or impede on the Board's statutory independence. The Board will determine the relative weight of the action that led to the discharge and whether it supports relief or not. In reaching its determination, the Board shall consider the applicant's petition, available records and/or submitted documents in support of the petition.

9. BOARD DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION:

- **a.** As directed by the 2017 memo signed by A.M. Kurta, the board considered the following factors:
- (1) Did the applicant have a condition or experience that may excuse or mitigate the discharge? **Yes.** The Board's Medical Advisor, a voting member, reviewed the applicant's DOD and VA health records, applicant's statement, and/or civilian provider documentation and found that the applicant has the following potentially-mitigating diagnoses/experiences: Depressive Disorder; PTSD (100%SC). Note-Diagnosis of Adjustment DO with depressed mood is subsumed under diagnosis of Depressive DO.
- (2) Did the condition exist or experience occur during military service? **Yes.** The Board's Medical Advisor found Depressive DO was diagnosed during military service. VA service connection for PTSD (100%SC) establishes nexus with military service.
- (3) Does the condition or experience actually excuse or mitigate the discharge? Yes. The Board's Medical Advisor applied liberal consideration and opined that the applicant has two mitigating BH conditions, Depressive Disorder (diagnosed in 2008) and PTSD related to military and combat experiences (VA service connection of 100%). As there is an association between these conditions, self-medication with alcohol, avoidance behaviors and problems with authority figures there is a nexus between these conditions, his DUI, his ASAP rehab failure, his multiple FTRs and his disobeying or orders. Note-diagnosis of Adjustment DO with depressed mood is subsumed under diagnosis of Depressive Disorder.
- (4) Does the condition or experience outweigh the discharge? **Yes.** After applying liberal consideration to the evidence, including the Board Medical Advisor's opine, the Board determined that the applicant's condition or experience outweighed the listed basis for separation for the aforementioned reasons.
 - **b.** Prior Decisions Cited: None
 - **c.** Response to Contentions:
- (1) The applicant contends, in effect, the applicant had a bad drinking problem and attended the ASAP at Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels. The applicant also was on Trazadone to help the applicant sleep due to having PTSD. The command was aware that the medication caused the applicant to oversleep however they did not provide assistance. This caused the applicant to receive two company grade Articles 15 and a field grade Article 15. The applicant received several company grade Articles 15 that were dismissed due to fraudulent charges.

The Board considered this contention during proceedings, but ultimately did not address the contention due to an upgrade being granted based on the applicant's PTSD fully outweighing the applicant's basis for separation, (DUI, ASAP rehabilitation failure, multiple FTRs and disobeying orders).

(2) The applicant contends, in effect, the applicant was never transferred to a different unit per policy; however, the applicant was transferred to different companies within the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment and the prejudice followed.

The Board considered this contention during proceedings, but ultimately did not address the contention due to an upgrade being granted based on the applicant's PTSD fully outweighing the applicant's basis for separation, (DUI, ASAP rehabilitation failure, multiple FTRs and disobeying orders).

- d. The Board determined the discharge is inequitable based on the circumstances surrounding the discharge (Depressive Disorder and PTSD diagnoses) and the applicant's length of service, to include combat service. Therefore, the Board voted to grant relief in the form of an upgrade of the characterization of service to Honorable and changed the separation authority to AR 635-200, paragraph 14- 12a, the narrative reason for separation to Misconduct (Minor Infractions), with a corresponding separation code of JKN. The Board determined the reentry code is proper and equitable and voted not to change it.
 - e. Rationale for Decision:
- (1) The Board voted to change the applicant's characterization of service to Honorable based on full medical mitigation. The applicant is 100% SC for PTSD. The applicant's two BH conditions, Depressive Disorder and PTSD related to military and combat experiences, mitigated the applicant's basis of separation (DUI, ASAP rehabilitation failure, multiple FTRs and disobeying orders).
- (2) The Board voted to change the reason for discharge to Misconduct (Minor Infractions) under the same rationale, thus the reason for discharge is no longer appropriate. The SPD code associated with the new reason for discharge is JKN.
- (3) The RE code will not change, as the current code is consistent with the procedural and substantive requirements of the regulation.

10. BOARD ACTION DIRECTED:

a. Issue a New DD-214: Yes

b. Change Characterization to: Honorable

c. Change Reason / SPD Code to: Misconduct (Minor Infractions)/JKN

d. Change RE Code to: No change

e. Change Authority to: AR 635-200

Authenticating Official:

10/16/2024



AWOL – Absent Without Leave AMHRR – Army Military Human Resource Record

BCD – Bad Conduct Discharge BH – Behavioral Health CG – Company Grade Article 15

CID – Criminal Investigation Division ELS – Entry Level Status FG – Field Grade Article 15 GD – General Discharge HS – High School

HD – Honorable Discharge IADT – Initial Active Duty Training MP – Military Police

MST – Military Sexual Trauma N/A – Not applicable NCO – Noncommissioned Officer

NIF – Not in File NOS – Not Otherwise Specified OAD – Ordered to Active Duty OBH (I) – Other Behavioral Health (Issues)

OMPF – Official Military Personnel File PTSD – Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

RE – Re-entry SCM – Summary Court Martial SPCM – Special Court Martial SPD – Separation Program Designator TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury UNC – Uncharacterized

Discharge UOTHC – Under Other Than Honorable Conditions VA – Department of Veterans

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