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Docket No: 3566-16/

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DEC 11 2017

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] USN, [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 (NR20160003566)
(2) DD Form 149 (NR20130001043)
(3) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former airman recruit in the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting reconsideration of a previous denial for correction to her Certificate of Separation or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), to include correction to her reentry (RE) code from RE-4 to RE-1. Enclosures (2) and (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of Members [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 September 2017, 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 her 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, the Board determined that it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner began a period of active duty in the Navy on 28 May 2008. She was separated from active duty approximately nine months later with a general discharge, by reason of a "Condition Not a Disability."

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d. Petitioner was discharged from the Navy on 12 March 2009, with a general characterization of service on the basis of a "Condition Not a Disability," an RE-4, and a separation code of "HFV" (unqualified for active-duty other).

e. On 15 July 2010, the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) upgraded Petitioner's general characterization of service to an honorable discharge, and forwarded her a letter dated 18 September 2010 communicating its decision.

f. On 14 May 2013, the Board considered Petitioner's request for a change to her RE-4 code. In its letter dated 15 May 2014, the Board informed Petitioner that it denied her request and noted that the RE-4 was a "non-recommendation for retention based on (her) medical condition."

g. Petitioner submitted a request for reconsideration. She provided information regarding her post-service accomplishments, her current mental health, and her current physical health. Petitioner has been a registered nurse since 2014, is married to a servicemember and wishes to reenlist.

h. Petitioner also provided information indicating that she received a psychological screen from Parker Counseling Services on 21 March 2016. The psychological screen evaluated her for fitness for duty in the Armed Forces and found her to have a thought process that was logical, relevant and normal, and a cohesive sense of self. [REDACTED] Counseling Services found her "fit for duty in the Armed Forces." Petitioner also provided information that she was seen for a physical on 22 March 2016, and was found to be "in good health."

i. The Board, in its review of Petitioner's request for reconsideration, carefully weighed all evidence of the available record and considered the information provided by Petitioner in support of her application.

j. The Board determined that Petitioner provided sufficient information about her current mental health and her physical health to warrant corrective action to her RE-4 code. The Board determined that Petitioner should be permitted to seek reenlistment, and determined that her RE-4 code should be change to an RE-1J. Additionally, the Board determined that her separation code of "HFV" should be changed to "JFF" and her narrative separation of "Condition not a Disability" should change to "Secretarial Authority." The Board concluded that the information that Petitioner submitted supporting granting her full corrective action so that she may reenlistment.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of Petitioner's accomplishments since her discharge and her current medical evaluations, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants full relief and that her DD Form 214 be changed to reflect an RE-1J reentry code, a separation code of "JFF," and a narrative separation reason of "Secretarial Authority."

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

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 12 March 2009, she was discharged from the Navy with an RE-1J reentry code, a separation code of "JFF," and a separation narrative of "Secretarial Authority."

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

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

That, upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 21 April 2016.

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.

[REDACTED]
Recorder

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.

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Executive Director