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characterization of service due to a personality disorder. The SA disagreed with the CO and directed an uncharacterized entry level separation due to a personality disorder and, on 1 April 1997, he was so discharged.

e. Petitioner contends his narrative reason for separation is hindering his ability to get employment. He also contends that he was misdiagnosed and he suffers from PTSD and other mental health conditions.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, especially in light of reference (b), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

In keeping with the letter and spirit of the Wilkie Memo, 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.

Notwithstanding the corrective action recommended below, the Board determined Petitioner's uncharacterized entry level separation remains appropriate. The Board noted that service regulations direct that members discharged within their first 180 days of active duty service be assigned an uncharacterized entry-level separation. While there are exceptions to this policy for misconduct or exceptional performance, the Board determined that neither apply in Petitioner's case. In addition, the Board also concluded that Petitioner remains unsuitable for further military service and his assigned reentry code of RE-4 remains appropriate. Finally, the Board found no evidence to support Petitioner's contention that he was diagnosed or symptomatic of PTSD or another mental health condition while on active duty. The Board noted Petitioner provided no evidence, other than his statement, that he was misdiagnosed with a personality disorder. In reviewing the evidence, the Board concluded his mental health evaluation in 1997, conducted contemporaneous with his active duty service, is probative of his mental health status at the time.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's naval record is corrected to show, for the period ending 1 April 1997, his Narrative Reason for Separation was "Secretarial Authority," SPD code was "JFF," and separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

That Petitioner is issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

That no further changes be made to the record.

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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.

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