

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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> Docket No. 5955-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) USECDEF Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Board for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018.

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments

(2) Case summary

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of references (a) and (b), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting her reentry code be changed on her DD Form 214. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.
- 2. The Board, consisting of _____, and ____, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 August 2024 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 SM's naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies to include reference (b).
- 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. 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.
- b. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 12 April 2017. On 19 April 2017, Petitioner received a mental health evaluation which diagnosed her with conditions that existed prior to service and were sufficiently severe to impair significantly her ability to function effectively in a military environment. Furthermore, it was recommended that she be discharged from the Navy with an entry level separation.

- c. Consequently, Petitioner was notified that she was being recommended for administrative discharge from the Navy by reason of defective enlistments and inductions-erroneous enlistment as evidenced by a physical or mental condition that existed prior to entry into the naval service. Petitioner was advised of and waived all of her procedural rights. The separation authority directed Petitioner be discharged with an uncharacterized entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry (other) and, on 19 May 2017, she was so discharged and assigned a RE-4 reentry code.
- d. Petitioner previously applied to this Board for change to her reentry code and was denied relief on 25 November 2019. Petitioner contends she was misdiagnosed and would like her reentry code changed from RE-4 (Ineligible for reenlistment) to RE-1 (Eligible for reenlistment) or RE-3 (Eligible for reenlistment except for disqualifying factor) as she hopes to reenlist. For purposes or clemency and equity consideration, the Board noted Petitioner provided medical documents and character letters.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board reviewed Petitioner's application under the guidance provided in reference (b).

While the Board concluded Petitioner was properly processed, discharged, and assigned a RE-4 reentry code based on her disqualifying preexisting medical conditions, in light of reference (b) and after reviewing the record holistically, given the totality of the circumstances, and as a matter of equity, the Board concluded Petitioner's separation code should be changed to RE-3G. This would allow Petitioner to seek a medical waiver as part of her desire to reenlist in the military.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 19 May 2017, indicating her reentry code as "RE-3G."

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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.

9/4/2024

