



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9912-24
Ref: Signature Date

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

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XXX XX █ USMC

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)
(c) MARCORSEPMAN P1900.16C

Encl: (1) DD Form 149
(2) Case summary

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 his record be corrected to upgrade his separation code and that his reenlistment code be changed. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 29 January 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice or clemency determinations (Wilkie Memo).

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, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 4 January 1982. On 9 May 1983, Petitioner was notified that he was being recommended for administrative discharge from the Marine Corps by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. He waived his procedural right to consult with military counsel and to present his case to an

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administrative discharge board. The commanding officer forwarded Petitioner's administrative separation package to the separation authority recommending his administrative discharge from the Marine Corps Under Other Than Honorable (OTH) characterization of service. Ultimately, the separation authority directed his OTH discharge from the Marine Corps by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse and, on 2 June 1983, he was so discharged.

d. At the time of Petitioner's discharge, he was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) that indicated his narrative reason for separation as "misconduct," separation authority as "MARCORSEPMAN Par 6210.5," and separation code as "HKF1."

d. Petitioner contends he was separated due to drug abuse, not desertion and feels the separation code of HKF1 - for desertion is prejudicial to him in his post service life. Petitioner is requesting a change to his separation code to be for drug abuse, and not desertion.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief.

Specifically, the Board noted that Petitioner's separation code is erroneously annotated as HKF1. The correct separation code per the MARCORSEPMAN is HKK1.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 2 June 1983, indicating that Petitioner's separation code was "HKK1."

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

3/6/2025

