



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 10775-24
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,
USN, ██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)
(c) USECDEF Memo of 25 Aug 17 (Kurta Memo)
(d) SECDEF Memo of 13 Sep 14 (Hagel Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary
(3) Subject's naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) requesting change of his reenlistment code to RE-1 and change of narrative reason for separation to "Secretarial Authority;" with corresponding change to his separation code and separation authority. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 10 February 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 references (b) through (d).

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 Navy and began a period of active service on 23 June 2020.

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d. On 12 December 2020, Petitioner was diagnosed by a Navy psychiatrist with Adjustment Disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed mood.

e. On 29 January 2021, Petitioner was notified of administrative separation processing by reason of Convenience of the Government – medical condition not amounting to a disability, as evidenced by a psychiatric evaluation. Petitioner waived his right to consult counsel and elected the right to obtain copies of documents used in the separation process. He was discharged, on 5 March 2021, with an Honorable characterization of service, “Condition, Not a Disability” narrative reason for separation with corresponding separation code and authority, and a RE-4 reentry code.

f. Petitioner contends he was involuntarily separated from the Navy and assigned a RE-4 reenlistment code after a Medical Evaluation Board determination he was diagnosed with an adjustment disorder. He contends the diagnosis was based on his suffering from temporary symptoms of anxiety and depression following 24 days of quarantine after contracting COVID-19. He contends he was not properly counseled or afforded opportunity to overcome any deficiencies. Lastly, he contends his condition was temporary and he was fully recovered months prior to his discharge. For purposes of clemency and equity consider, Petitioner provided a legal brief with exhibits, including his personal statement, medical documents, and evidence of his post-service accomplishments.

CONCLUSION

Upon careful review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner’s request warrants relief in the interests of justice.

Despite finding no error with Petitioner’s diagnosis or administrative separation, in keeping with the letter and spirit of the Hagel, Kurta, and Wilkie Memos, and given the unique circumstances of Petitioner’s case involving a forced 16-day quarantine as a new recruit after contracting COVID-19, the Board determined it appropriate to grant the relief requested.

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), for the period ending 5 March 2021, indicating his narrative reason for separation as “Secretarial Authority,” separation authority as “MILPERSMAN 1910-164,” separation code as “JFF,” and reentry code as “RE-1J.”

That no further corrections 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.

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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.

3/6/2025

