

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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> Docket No. 11971-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/enclosures

- (2) CG, 1040 ON/E Memo, Disenrollment from the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program, 22 November 2022
- (3) CG, 1000-35 SJA Memo, subj: Administrative Discharge Board Report: Findings and Recommendations ICO [Petitioner], 19 May 2023
- 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 removal of the "[d]ocuments<sup>1</sup> in discharge section of OMPF."
- 2. The Board, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 February 2025 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 Petitioner's 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, found as follows:
- a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulation within the Department of the Navy.
- b. On 22 November 2022, Commanding General (CG), disenselled Petitioner from the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) due to disciplinary reasons. See enclosure (2).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A review of Petitioner' Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) revealed 44 documents contained within the discharge folder, to include complete documentation related to Petitioner's disenrollment from the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC), Performance Review Board documents, Report and Disposition of Offenses (NAVPERS 1626/7) dated 4 November 2021 and associated Captain's Mast documents, a Preliminary Inquiry dated 3 November 2021 with enclosures, and administrative separation processing.

- c. On 12 May 2023, an Administrative Discharge Board (ADB)<sup>2</sup> determined by majority vote that the preponderance of the evidence did not prove any of the acts or omissions alleged and recommended Petitioner be retained in the Marine Corps. By his endorsement of the ADB report, CG, approved the ADB's findings/recommendations and closed the case. See enclosures (1) and (3).
- d. Petitioner contends the discharge section of his OMPF should be deleted since he is "currently serving, and they cannot backdate my promotion until those documents are removed." Specifically, he contends he was suspected of drug use but "won by board in a 3-0 decision and was subsequently found of no wrong doing." Petitioner further indicates the "6105 and [P]age 11 were removed from [his] OMPF" and there was no nonjudicial punishment. See enclosure (1).

## **CONCLUSION**

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

The Board concluded it was in the interest of justice to remove the administrative separation document at enclosure (3) from Petitioner's OMPF because he was retained in the Marine Corps.

However, the Board determined the remaining documents in Petitioner's record should remain. Specifically, the Board noted the disenrollment process is a separate and distinct administrative process. As such, the ADB's finding that "the preponderance of the evidence [did] not prove any of the acts or omissions alleged" and the CG's decision to retain Petitioner in the Marine Corps have no bearing on Petitioner's disenrollment from MECEP due to disciplinary reasons<sup>3</sup>. Petitioner's argument -- that all discharge section documents should be removed based on the ADB's findings and his retention in the Marine Corps -- is without merit. The Board determined there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice in the disenrollment process and concluded all documentation related to the disenrollment should remain in Petitioner's OMPF.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's naval record be corrected by removing enclosure (3), the CG, endorsement of the ADB Report dated 19 May 2023.

That no further changes be made to 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The administrative separation processing documentation in Petitioner's OMPF is incomplete. Petitioner explains in enclosure (1) that some of the documents were removed but "the rest were required to go through the BCNR."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Further, the Board noted that the Petitioner's disciplinary issued arose from a positive urinalysis for cocaine use. Notwithstanding the ADB's findings, the Board found no evidence that the urinalysis was erroneous.

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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.

