



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 11988-24
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]
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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 her record be corrected to change her narrative reason for separation to reflect a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 March 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, 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 Navy and began a period of active duty on 5 February 1985.

c. On 23 October 1986, Petitioner reported to sick call with suicidal thoughts and was diagnosed with marital problems. On 9 June 1987, Petitioner was admitted for suicidal ideations and diagnosed with a personality disorder.

d. Petitioner's record is incomplete, in that it does not contain the documents pertinent to the administrative separation. However, whenever official records are incomplete or unavailable, unless there is substantial credible evidence to rebut the presumption, the Board will presume a

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regularity in the conduct of the government affairs. Petitioner's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty indicates she was discharged with an Honorable characterization, on 6 August 1987, narrative reason for separation of "Other Physical/Mental Conditions-Personality Disorder," and separation code of "RE-3G".

d. Petitioner contends that she was misdiagnosed and has PTSD.

f. For purposes of clemency consideration, the Board considered the evidence provided by Petitioner in support of her application.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. 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 recommended corrective action below, the Board determined that Petitioner's request to change her narrative reason for separation to reflect "PTSD" is not supported by the evidence. Specifically, the Board found service regulations do not authorized listing "PTSD" as the basis for separation. Finally, the Board also determined Petitioner's assigned reentry code remains appropriate based on her basis for separation.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board recommends that the following corrective action be taken on Petitioner's naval record in the interests of justice:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting that, for the period ending 6 August 1987, her narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," SPD code assigned was "JFF," and the separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

That no further correction action be taken on Petitioner's naval record.

That a copy of this record of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that 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 Regulations, 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.

4/1/2025

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