



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No. 365-25  
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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, XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552  
(b) SECDEF Memo of 13 September 2014 (Hagel Memo)  
(c) USD Memo of 25 August 2017 (Kurta Memo)  
(d) USECDEF Memo of 25 July 2018 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/ enclosures

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 that his narrative reason for separation of “Personality Disorder” be changed to “NONE.” Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 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, 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. Although Petitioner did not file his application in a timely manner, the statute of limitation was waived in accordance with the Kurta Memo.

b. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy after denying any significant medical history during enlistment processing and began a period of active duty on 11 July 1994.

c. On 25 August 1995, Petitioner received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) under Article 91 due to willful disobedience of a petty officer.

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d. In November 1995, Petitioner was assaulted and rendered unconscious from the attack. He was subsequently diagnosed with post-concussive syndrome with symptoms consistent with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

e. Following a command referral to mental health, Petitioner received an emergency psychological screening evaluation which documented that, prior to his military service, he had received a mental health evaluation which had resulted in weekly psychotherapy and treatment from 1988 through 1990.

f. Petitioner received provisional diagnoses of alcohol dependence, with a need to confirm differential diagnosis between Major Depressive Disorder, Adjustment Disorder, or Alcohol-induced Mood Disorder. He was also diagnosed with a probable Personality Disorder and the clinician noted his previously diagnosed post-concussive syndrome.

g. On 31 May 1996, Petitioner was issued formal notification of processing for administrative separation by reason of alcohol rehabilitation failure following his refusal to participate in a level II or level III rehabilitation treatment program. His notification specified that the least favorable characterization authorized was Honorable. After consulting legal counsel, Petitioner elected not to submit a statement regarding his proposed discharge.

h. A notification submitted to Commander, Naval Personnel Command, (PERS-83), on 21 June 1996, specified that Petitioner had been administratively processed for separation by reason of convenience of the government due to his diagnosed Personality Disorder, which was considered severe enough to put him at risk for suicidal behavior and rendered him unfit for full duty. His records reflect that a change to the basis for processing resulted from a subsequent mental health evaluation, during in-patient psychiatric treatment, which recommended that he be separated by reason of Personality Disorder. He was honorably discharged that same date with a reentry code of "RE-4" and a narrative reason for separation specifying "Personality Disorder, not amounting to a disability..."

i. Petitioner contends that he was suffering from PTSD due to both his traumatic brain injury (TBI) evidenced by his post-concussive syndrome and from military sexual trauma. He submitted his disability rating and diagnoses from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. The Board reviewed his application under the guidance provided in references (b) through (d).

In keeping with the letter and spirit of the Hagel, Kurta, and Wilkie Memos, 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

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medical privacy concerns dictate a change<sup>1</sup>. 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 Petitioner's assigned reentry code remains appropriate in light of his unsuitability for further military service. Further, the Board found that a narrative reason for separation of "NONE" is not provided for in applicable regulations and, therefore, would not be appropriate. Ultimately, the Board determined any injustice in Petitioner's record is adequately addressed by the recommended corrective action.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating, for the period ending 21 June 1996, his discharge was issued under the authority of "MILPERSMAN 3630900," with a narrative reason for separation of "Secretarial Authority," and a "JFF" separation code.

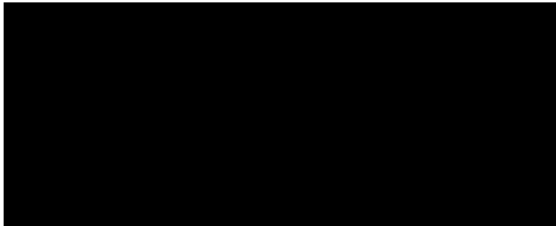
That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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.

3/10/2025



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<sup>1</sup> The Board made no finding on whether Petitioner was misdiagnosed since it concluded the issue was moot based on its determination.