



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 2168-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████
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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 with attachments
(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 an upgrade to his "General (Under Honorable Conditions)" characterization of service on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) and (2) applies.

2. The Board consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 12 May 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies including 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. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, the statute of limitation was waived in the interests of justice.

b. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps with a waiver and began a period of active duty on 23 January 2006. Prior to commencing active duty, Petitioner did not report any medical issues. On 6 September 2006, a medical officer reviewed CT scans taken of Petitioner as a result of his complaints of headaches and short-term memory loss. He also disclosed that he had a history of neurosurgery for brain cyst formation and swelling prior to enlistment. Consequently, the medical officer determined that Petitioner's condition was a disqualifier for further military service and recommended that he be administratively separated from the Marine Corps. On

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4 January 2007, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of a physical condition not a disability, at which point, he decided to waive his procedural rights. His Commanding Officer recommended that Petitioner be administrative separated from the Marine Corps with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of a physical condition not a disability. The separation authority approved Petitioner's discharge but order the assignment of a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge characterization. On 2 March 2007, Petitioner was so discharged

d. Petitioner contends he served faithfully in the USMC with two meritorious promotions during his time in service. Although his medical condition may not have been fully disclosed upon enlistment, Petitioner assert his intention was honorable. Petitioner claims he was awarded a good conduct medal and an expert rifleman. Petitioner states his service was short, however, he was by all accounts an outstanding Marine.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, in light of references (b), after reviewing the record holistically, given the totality of the circumstances, and purely as a matter of clemency, the Board concluded Petitioner's discharge characterization should be upgraded to "Honorable." In making this finding, the Board considered Petitioner's proficiency and conduct marks.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), for the period ending 2 March 2007, indicating his character of service as "Honorable."

That Petitioner be issued an Honorable discharge certificate.

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 Regulations, 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.

5/30/2025

