



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 2872-25
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER ██████████, USN,
XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) USECDEF Memo of 25 Jul 18 (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 discharge be upgraded and his narrative reason for separation be changed to "Secretarial Authority." Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 15 December 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 19 March 1982.

c. On 21 September 1983, Petitioner was subject to nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) to include Article 86, for being absent from his appointed place of duty, and Article 134, for wearing an improper uniform. Incident to this NJP, he was issued administrative counseling warning him that further misconduct could result in administrative separation.

d. On 2 July 1986, Petitioner received a second NJP for three specifications of violating Article 112a of the UCMJ, due to wrongful use of cocaine, twice, and wrongful use of marijuana.

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Consequently, he was notified of processing for administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse and requested a hearing before an administrative separation board.

e. On 15 September 1986, Petitioner's administrative separation hearing convened where he provided sworn testimony. The administrative separation board unanimously substantiated the basis for separation and recommended separation under Other Than Honorable (OTH) conditions. Petitioner's separation was approved and he was so discharged on 2 January 1987.

f. Petitioner previously applied to the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB), which denied his request for relief on 22 November 1999.

g. Petitioner contends that his OTH discharge does not justly reflect his character and accomplishments in the more than 30 years since his discharge; especially in light of his overall record of service. In support of his application, he submitted a brief from his legal counsel, a personal statement, employment records, letters of recommendation, letters of appreciation and thanks from customers, family letters of support, a 30-year service recognition from his employer, divers certificates and recognitions, and a copy of reference (b).

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants relief.

The Board noted Petitioner's misconduct, to include drug abuse, and does not condone it. However, the Board observed that Petitioner has demonstrated considerable evidence of rehabilitation and good character in the decades since his discharge. Additionally, the Board favorably noted Petitioner's overall length and quality of his service during his enlistment; which would have ended honorably but for his voluntary extension. Ultimately, the Board found that the favorable factors Petitioner submitted for consideration of clemency based on his service record and his post-service character outweighed his drug abuse misconduct sufficiently to warrant an upgrade to General (Under Honorable Conditions) (GEN) and change his separation to reflect a Secretarial Authority discharge.

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board was not willing to grant an upgrade to an Honorable discharge. The Board concluded by opining that certain negative aspects of the Petitioner's conduct and/or performance outweighed the positive aspects of his military record, even under the liberal consideration standards for mental health conditions, and that a Gen discharge characterization and no higher was 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.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating that, for the period ending 2 January 1987, he was discharged with a "General (Under Honorable Conditions)" characterization of service, separation authority of "MILPERSMAN 3630900," narrative reason for separation of "Secretary Plenary Authority," "JFF" separation code, and a RE-1J reentry 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.

1/13/2026

