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Docket No. 2947-25
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]
XXX XX [REDACTED] USMC

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 her discharge be upgraded to "Honorable," that her narrative reason for separation be changed to "Secretarial Authority," and that her reentry code be changed to permit rejoining the military. Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 9 January 2006.

c. On 20 October 2006, Petitioner received emergency medical care for suicidal ideations. The attending psychologist observed symptoms of anxiety, depression, paranoia and distrust, and irrational and impulsive behavior. She was described as being emotionally immature with a note

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that she stated she had “come to realize that she made the mistake of her life joining the military.” She was diagnosed as having Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) and the clinical psychologist assessed that continued service posed a risk of potential self-harm.

d. On 26 October 2006, Petitioner was recommended for expeditious administrative separation by reason of unsuitability due to diagnosed personality disorder.

e. On 5 December 2006, Petitioner was discharged under honorable conditions for the reason of “Personality Disorder” and was assigned a reentry code of “RE-3P.”

f. Petitioner contends that her narrative reason for separation is erroneous and unjust because she does not now, nor ever has had, BPD and was incorrectly diagnosed during her military service. Further, she contends, as documented in her service records, that she never received any negative counseling or adverse actions related to her performance or conduct; she believes her characterization was unjust because there were no circumstances warranting a less than fully Honorable discharge. She attributes her in-service diagnosis to non-mental health medical problems related to physical injuries at the time. In support of her contentions, she submitted service records, to include hospital and medical records and documentation of her convalescent leave, information from the National Institute of Health regarding personality disorder diagnoses, and clemency documents.

g. For the purpose of clemency and equity consideration, Petitioner submitted six character statements, her law school graduation records and transcripts, a certificate of her good standing with the [REDACTED] her employment records as an attorney, a background record check, and family photographs.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner’s request warrants relief. The Board reviewed the application under the guidance provided in reference (b).

Without making a finding regarding Petitioner’s in-service diagnosis for BPD, the Board determined it was in the interests of justice to change Petitioner’s reason for separation. In keeping with the letter and spirit of the reference (b), 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.

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Additionally, the Board concurred with Petitioner's contentions that her service record lacks evidence of any adverse counseling or documented misconduct. Further, the Board noted her conduct and proficiency marks clearly reflect Honorable service in accordance with applicable Marine Corps regulations. Therefore, the Board concluded the lack of apparent misconduct or other negative matters during Petitioner's service, rendered her discharge under honorable conditions unjust.

Finally, notwithstanding the in-service BPD diagnosis, the Board concluded that Petitioner's extensive post-service accomplishments reflect favorably upon her potential for successful military service and that her reentry code should now align with her current suitability for military service.

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 5 December 2006, that she was discharged with an "Honorable" characterization of service, under the authority of "MARCORSEPMAN par 6214," for the narrative reason of "Secretarial Authority," with a separation code of "JFF1," and a reentry code of "RE-1A."

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 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.

4/15/2025

