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

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) USECDEF Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change his reenlistment code. Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board consisting of ██████████ and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 August 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, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

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.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute limitation and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps on 1 December 2006. On 19 July 2007, Petitioner received a psychological evaluation that diagnosed him with a Personality Disorder. As a result, he was recommended for administrative separation due to a personality disorder. In the meantime, Petitioner received non-judicial punishment (NJP) for unauthorized absence (UA) that lasted 16 days. The separation authority approved the recommendation and directed Petitioner be discharged with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) (GEN) characterization of service by

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reason of a Personality Disorder. Petitioner was so discharged on 2 October 2007 and assigned an reentry code of RE-4.

d. Petitioner contends his discharge resulted from being misdiagnosed with a personality disorder, that he was cleared by his primary care provider who confirmed he was emotionally stable, and changing his reentry code would allow him to serv his country again. The Board noted Petitioner checked the "Other Mental Health" box on his application but specifically denied any mental health condition¹.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Specifically, 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 Petitioner's assigned reentry code remains appropriate. The Board noted the reentry code was issued in accordance with applicable regulations based on Petitioner's reason for separation and remains supported by the medical evidence and misconduct in Petitioner's record². While the Board carefully considered Petitioner's medical evidence that he does not possess a personality disorder and has been successful in a civilian employment environment, the Board determined this evidence was not dispositive in determining whether his reentry code was correctly assigned since he was involved in a significant period of UA during his brief period of active duty and his personality disorder became symptomatic during his military service. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that Petitioner's request does not merit relief.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner is issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating, for the period ending 2 October 2007, that he was discharged with a narrative reason for separation of "Secretarial Authority," SPD code of "JFF1," and separation authority of "MARCORSEPMAN 6214."

That no further changes be made to the record.

¹ The Board found no basis for liberal consideration of Petitioner's application since he claims he was misdiagnosed with a personality disorder and believes he is physically fit for enlistment in the U.S. Army.

² The Board also noted this misconduct supports Petitioner's assigned characterization of service.

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That 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.

