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Docket No: 5021-25  
Ref: Signature Date

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  
(3) Subject's naval record (DD Form 214)

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 naval record be corrected to clarify his characterization of service on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board consisting of ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 15 July 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 and entered active duty on 17 February 1971. On 3 January 1972, Petitioner requested an exemption from disciplinary action due to admitting to using marijuana, acid, and speed while on active duty. Consequently, he was notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of unfitness due to drug abuse. After electing to waive his rights, his commanding officer (CO) forwarded his package to the separation authority (SA) recommending his discharge with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) (GEN) characterization of service. In the meantime, Petitioner received a medical evaluation that noted

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there was no evidence of a mental disorder and recommended administrative separation. The SA approved the CO's recommendation and Petitioner was so discharged on 11 February 1972. At the time of Petitioner's discharge from active duty, he was issued a DD Form 214 which reflected his characterization of service as "Under Honorable Conditions."

d. Petitioner contends that he is being denied veterans' benefits because his DD Form 214 does not state "General (Under Honorable Conditions)."

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board notes a review of Petitioner's record confirmed that Petitioner's characterization of service at the time of discharge was "General (Under Honorable Conditions)". Therefore, the Board concluded that a correction to Petitioner's DD Form 214 is warranted.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a "Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" (DD Form 215) for the period ending on 11 February 1972, to reflect his characterization of service as "General (Under Honorable Conditions)."

That no further changes be made to the 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.

7/30/2025

