



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 5160-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED], USN,

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 214)

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 to his Narrative Reason for Separation and Reenlistment Code. In addition, Petitioner requests “consideration for medical benefits.” Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board consisting of [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 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 Navy on 24 July 1989. On 25 January 1990, Petitioner received a psychological evaluation that ruled out Delusional and Schizophreniform Disorder. However, the medical provided noted his conflicting beliefs between his Navy obligations and his duties to the church. On 29 January 1990, he was admitted for a psychiatric evaluation and diagnosed with

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Personality Disorder. As a result, he was recommended for administrative separation. Ultimately, the separation authority approved this recommendation and directed Petitioner be discharged with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of a Personality Disorder. On 12 April 1990, he was so discharged.

d. Petitioner contends his Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214) hinders his ability to obtain work due to his Narrative Reason for Separation. He disputes the diagnosis and contends he was undergoing counseling related to suicide at the time of his discharge and he was given medication that impaired his ability to think or communicate clearly.

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 in Petitioner's record.

Finally, the Board found no basis to grant Petitioner's request for "medical benefits." Regulations applicable to the Disability Evaluation System specifically identify personality disorders as conditions that do not qualify as a disability. Further, the Board noted that it has no cognizance over Department of Veterans Affairs compensation and pension decisions. Therefore, the Board denied this aspect of Petitioner's application.

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 12 April 1990, that he was discharged with a narrative reason for separation of "Secretarial Authority," SPD code of "JFF," and separation authority of "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

That no further changes be made to the record.

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

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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.

8/20/2025

