



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 5167-25
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 of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)

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

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 a change to his narrative reason for separation and reentry code on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) and (2) applies.

2. The Board consisting of █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 8 December 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, relevant portions of his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies including 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. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, the statute of limitation was waived in the interests of justice.

b. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 3 August 1979. Between 16 October 1979 and 17 March 1983, Petitioner received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on four occasions for stealing assorted merchandise from the █ failing to report possession of alcohol, making a false official statement, and three instances of unauthorized absence (UA). Consequently, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of misconduct due to minor disciplinary

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infractions. Petitioner decided to wave his procedural rights and his commanding officer recommended a type of discharge warranted by service as a result of misconduct due to minor disciplinary infractions. On 7 April 1983, Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of misconduct due to minor disciplinary infractions.

d. Petitioner request that the Board take away the “misconduct” designator from his narrative reason for separation and change his reentry code. Petitioner is also requesting validation that the military failed him in getting the help he needed. Petitioner asserts he was going through anxiety and depression later to be diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Petitioner claims he was never offered counseling throughout his time in service. Petitioner would like his children and grandchildren to be proud of him during his time in service and not as a bad Sailor.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner’s request warrants partial relief.

The Board noted Petitioner’s misconduct and does not condone his actions. However, in light of reference (b), after reviewing the record holistically, given the totality of the circumstances, and purely as a matter of clemency, the Board concluded Petitioner’s narrative reason for separation should be change to “Secretarial Authority.” In making this determination, the Board considered the relatively minor nature of Petitioner’s misconduct and his commanding officer’s decision to assign him a type warranted by service record discharge characterization of service.

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board was not willing to grant an upgrade to his reenlistment code on his DD Form 214. The Board determined that an RE-4 code was appropriate considering Petitioner’s record of misconduct and unsuitability for further military service. Ultimately, the Board determined that any injustice in Petitioner’s record is adequately addressed by the recommended corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action:

Petitioner be issued a new “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty” (DD Form 214), for the period ending 7 April 1983, indicating his narrative reason for separation was “Secretarial Authority,” separation code was “JFF,” and separation authority was “MILPERSMAN 1910-164.”

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.

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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 Regulations, 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.

1/6/2026

