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Docket No. 5883-25
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,
USN, XXX-XX-██████████

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 (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to her naval record, specifically, to change her Uncharacterized Entry-Level Separation to Honorable. She also implied a request that her Narrative Reason for Separation "Personality Disorder" be changed. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 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, 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 and entered active duty on 2 April 1991. In October 1991, Petitioner was medically evaluated on three occasions and eventually diagnosed with a Personality Disorder, an adjustment disorder. She was also recommended for separation from the Navy.

d. On 20 November 1991, Petitioner was notified of pending administrative separation action

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by reason of a personality disorder. After she waived her rights, her commanding officer (CO) forwarded the separation package to the separation authority (SA) recommending an entry level separation characterization of service due to a personality disorder. The SA approved the recommendation and she was so discharged on 10 December 1991.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, especially in light of reference (b), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. 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.

Additionally, the Board determined Petitioner's characterization of service be upgraded to Honorable. The Board noted that service regulations direct that members discharged within their first 180 days of active-duty service be assigned an uncharacterized entry-level separation. A review of Petitioner's record confirmed that she served a total of eight months and nine days prior to being separated from the Navy without any misconduct. In this regard, Petitioner should have been assigned an Honorable characterization of service at the time of her separation from the Navy.

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board concluded that Petitioner's assigned reentry code remains appropriate in light of her unsuitability for further military service. Ultimately, the Board determined any injustice in Petitioner's record is adequately addressed by the recommended corrective action.

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), for the period ending 10 December 1991, indicating she was discharged with an "Honorable" characterization of service, 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.

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

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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.

1/8/2026

