



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8239-25
Ref: Signature Date

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 of 25 Jul 18 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 to change his reason for separation. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 16 January 2026 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include 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. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although Petitioner's application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 22 May 1995.

d. On 6 June 1996, Petitioner was medically evaluated and diagnosed with a personality disorder. The medical provider observed that Petitioner was a danger to himself and others, and recommended he be discharged. Consequently, Petitioner was notified of administrative processing for Convenience of the Government on the basis of personality disorder. He consulted with counsel and waived his procedural rights. Ultimately, the Separation Authority directed his separation for Personality Disorder and he was so discharged with an Honorable characterization of service on 14 June 1996.

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CONCLUSION:

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

The Board found no error with Petitioner's administrative separation discharge based on his diagnosed personality disorder. However, 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 related to a personality 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 such and that his reason for separation should be changed to reflect a "Secretarial Authority" discharge.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board recommends that the following corrective action be taken on Petitioner's naval record in the interests of justice:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting that, for the period ending 14 June 1996, he was discharged with a narrative reason for separation of "Secretarial Authority," SPD code of "JFF," reenlistment code of "RE-1J," and separation authority of "MILPERSMAN 3630900."

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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

4. It is certified that 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 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.

2/12/2026

