



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4440-02
19 November 2002

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

Subj: FORMER [REDACTED]
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that her naval record be corrected to show that she was discharged because of a "medical disorder" rather than a personality disorder.

2. The Board, consisting of Ms. Moidel and Messrs. Pfeiffer and Carlsen, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 24 October 2002 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. Enclosure (1) was filed in a timely manner.

c. Petitioner underwent psychological evaluation on 3 May 2001, and given diagnoses of conversion disorder, anxiety disorder, and depressive disorder. She was considered fit, but unsuitable, for further service. In the opinion of the psychologist who examined her, she was not mentally ill, but manifested a reaction to stressors which rendered her incapable of serving adequately in the Navy. She indicated that she preferred to be discharged administratively, rather than pursuant to the findings of a medical board, provided she retained her Montgomery GI Bill educational benefits and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits for her diagnosed conditions. She was discharged on 17 May 2001 by reason of a personality disorder, and assigned the corresponding separation code of KFX. She

completed 1 year, 6 months and 9 days active duty service. Following her discharge, the VA awarded her disability ratings for a mental disorder and sinusitis, but apparently disallowed her claim for Montgomery GI Bill benefits, due to the basis for her discharge.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board notes that as Petitioner was diagnosed as suffering from a conversion disorder, rather than a personality disorder, the narrative reason for separation as shown on her DD Form 214 is erroneous. Accordingly, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

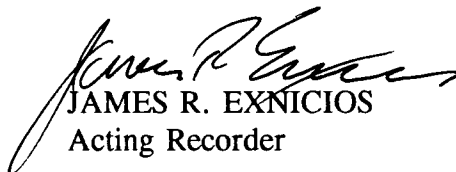
RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 17 May 2001, she was discharged by reason of a condition, not a disability, interfering with her performance of duty, and that she was assigned a separation code of JFV.

b. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

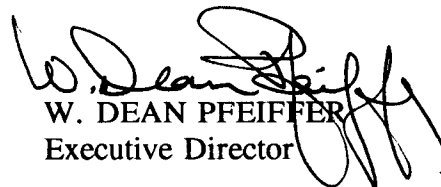
4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder



JAMES R. EXNICIOS
Acting Recorder

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.



W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director