

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 11114-07 2 September 2008

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD O

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments

(2) Case summary

(3) Subject's naval record

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the United States Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that her RE-4 reenlistment code be changed.
- 2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. and reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 August 2008 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. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy in November 2001 and served without disciplinary incident. On 12 March 2004, she was issued a formal counseling/warning affording her the opportunity to correct her known deficiencies for minor infractions. In addition, on 3 June 2004, she was referred to the branch medical clinic in Makalapa, Hawaii for observation and evaluation with regard to an adjustment disorder. On 15 July 2004, she was involuntarily separated from the naval service due to an adjustment disorder with a general discharge characterization and

an RE-4 reenlistment code. An individual separated for this reason is not recommended for reenlistment.

c. Pursuant to the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BuPers) Instruction 1900.8A, a reenlistment code of RE-3G could be assigned due to a condition not a disability, unless an RE-4 code is warranted by the service record. In Petitioner's case, her RE-4 reenlistment code was not warranted based on her overall evaluation average.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

The Board initially notes that Petitioner served without disciplinary action, and that she was only separated by reason of an adjustment disorder. The Board concludes that an RE-3G reenlistment code is authorized by regulatory guidance for individuals who are separated by reason of an adjustment disorder. Given her overall record, the Board further concludes that an RE-3G reenlistment code is more appropriate than the RE-4 reenlistment code now of record.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected by changing the RE-4 reenlistment code, assigned on 15 July 2004, to RE-3G.
- b. That any material or entries inconsistent with or relating to the Board's recommendation be corrected, removed, or completely expunged from Petitioner's record and that no such entries or material be added to the record in the future.
- c. That any material directed to be removed from Petitioner's naval record be returned to the Board, together with a copy of this Report of Proceedings, for retention in a confidential file maintained for such purpose, with no cross reference being made a part of 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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN Recorder BRIAN J. GEORGE 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 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.

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