



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3031-01
15 June 2001

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 assigned a reenlistment (RE) code more favorable than the RE-4 she received on 2 March 1999.
2. The Board, consisting of Ms. Gilbert and Schnittman and Mr. Bishop, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 17 May 2001 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 served in the Navy from 20 January to 2 March 1999, when she was discharged for failing to meet procurement medical standards because of numbness in her hands attributed to pronator teres syndrome, which is a neurological disorder. She received a reenlistment code of RE-4, as required by governing directives. She has presented medical evidence in support of her application which indicates that the numbness may have resulted from tendinitis, rather than the diagnosed neurological condition.
 - d. SECNAVINST 1900.8 provides, in effect, that Sailors discharged for failing to meet procurement medical/physical standards will be assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4. Those

discharged because of erroneous enlistment may be assigned a code of RE-4 or RE-3E, in the discretion of the commanding officer.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner should have been discharged by reason of erroneous enlistment, vice failure of procurement standards. As there is no evidence that she had any performance problems or disciplinary infractions during her period of service, the Board concludes that the assignment of the stigmatizing reenlistment code of RE-4 is unwarranted.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

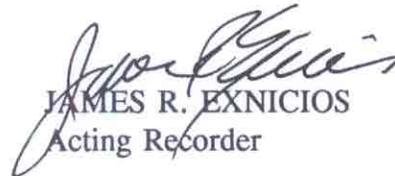
RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 2 March 1999, she was discharged by reason of erroneous enlistment, and assigned a reenlistment code of RE-3E in lieu of the code of RE-4 actually assigned on that date.

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