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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Subj: DELEGATION OF OTHER THAN HONORABLE SEPARATION AUTHORITY FOR COURT-MARTIAL CONVICTIONS NOT IMPOSING A PUNITIVE DISCHARGE

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1910.4B
(b) JAG memo 1400 Ser13/5MA11477.03 of 30 Jun 03

1. Per reference (a), Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) currently acts as the separation authority to approve Other Than Honorable discharges, where warranted, for service members convicted at court-martial but not receiving a punitive discharge. Reference (b) opines that delegation of this authority is legally unobjectionable.

2. Effective immediately, authority is hereby delegated to Deputy Commandant (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) to serve as separation authority when the sole basis for separation is a serious offense that resulted in a conviction by a general or special courts-martial that did not impose a punitive discharge, and an Other Than Honorable Discharge is warranted.

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