

**§ 724.117**

representative designated by an organization recognized by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs; a representative from a State agency concerned with veterans affairs; or a representative from private organizations or local Government agencies.

**§ 724.117 Discharge review.**

A nonadversary administrative reappraisal at the level of the Navy Department of discharges from the naval service. The object of the reappraisal is to determine whether the discharge should be changed, and if so, the nature of the change. This reappraisal includes the type and reason/basis for separation, the procedures followed in accomplishing separation, and the characterization of service. This term includes determinations made under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 3103(2).

**§ 724.118 Documentary discharge review.**

A formal session of the NDRB convened for the purpose of reviewing, on the basis of documentary data, an applicant's discharge. The Documentary data shall include the application together with all information accompanying that application, available service and medical records, and any other information considered relevant by the NDRB.

**§ 724.119 Personal appearance discharge review.**

A formal session of the NDRB convened for the purpose of reviewing an applicant's discharge on the basis of a personal appearance, as well as documentary data. The personal appearance may be by the applicant or by a representative of the applicant, or both.

**§ 724.120 National Capital Region (NCR).**

The District of Columbia; Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties in Virginia; and all cities and towns included within the outer boundaries of the foregoing counties.

**§ 724.121 Decisional document.**

The written recordation of the applicant's summary of service, the issue or

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issues presented together with any evidence offered in support of the application, the NDRB's response to the issue or issues, the votes of the members of the panel, and any recommendations or responses by the President of the NDRB or the Secretarial Reviewing Authority (SRA). The decisional document is promulgated by the "en bloc letter".

**§ 724.122 Recorder, NDRB Panel.**

A panel member responsible for briefing an applicant's case from the documentary evidence available prior to a discharge review, presenting the brief to the panel considering the application, performing other designated functions during personal appearance discharge hearings, and drafting the decisional document subsequent to the hearing.

**§ 724.123 Complainant.**

A former member of the Armed Forces (or the former member's counsel) who submits a complaint under 32 CFR Part 70 with respect to the decisional document issued in the former member's own case; or a former member of the Armed Forces (or the former member's counsel) who submits a complaint under reference (b) stating that correction of the decisional document will assist the former member in preparing for an administrative or judicial proceeding in which the former member's own discharge will be at issue.

**Subpart B—Authority/Policy for Departmental Discharge Review**

**§ 724.201 Authority.**

The Naval Discharge Review Board, established pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1553, is a component of the Naval Council of Personnel Boards. By SECNAVINST 5730.7 series, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) is authorized and directed to act for the Secretary of the Navy within his/her assigned area of responsibility and exercises oversight over the Naval Council of Personnel Boards. SECNAVINST 5420.135 series of July 15, 1983 states the organization, mission, duties and responsibilities of the Naval Council of Personnel Boards to include