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FINAL ENDORSEMENT on USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) ltr 5830 Ser LEG/270
of 8 Jun 22

From: Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic
To: File

Subj: ACTION OF THE FINAL REVIEWING AUTHORITY CONCERNING THE LINE OF
DUTY INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF RS3 MIKAIL SHARP, USN, ON OR
ABOUT 9 APRIL 2022

1. Readdressed.
2. The underlying investigation report was reviewed in accordance with reference (a). Further endorsement is unnecessary; therefore, the investigation is final and will be retained for a period of two years. The subject line was modified to ensure proper identification of the investigation for administrative purposes.
3. The findings of fact, opinions, and recommendations of the investigating officer are approved.
4. I concur with the recommendation of the Commanding Officer, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), and find RS3 Sharp's death occurred in the line of duty and not due to the member's own misconduct.
5. Per section 0229(d) of reference (a), a copy of the investigation will be forwarded to Commander, Navy Personnel Command.
6. In accordance with section 0228(b) of reference (a), upon receipt of final autopsy and medical documents, Commanding Officer, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), shall forward documents by separate correspondence via the review chain, with appropriate reference to the report of investigation and forwarding endorsement.
7. The point of contact regarding this matter is Mrs. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Force Paralegal, who may be reached by email at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)


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USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
To: Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic

Subj: LINE OF DUTY INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OF RS3 MIKAIL SHARP, USN ON
OR ABOUT 09 APRIL 2022

Ref: (a) JAGINST 5800.7G

Encl: (1) LT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ltr dtd 8 JUN 22 w/enclosures

1. Enclosure (1) documents RS3 Sharp's death resulting from a self-inflicted gunshot wound of the head and is forwarded for the General Court-Martial Convening Authority's line of duty determination required by paragraph 0229(d) of reference (a).
2. The Line of Duty Investigation commenced on 11 April 2022; however, the investigation by local law enforcement remains ongoing and has yet to be released to the command. RS3 Sharp's death is currently documented in the Death Certificate as resulting from a self-inflicted gunshot wound of the head. There is no indication that the incident is a result of any misconduct on the part of the Sailor. It is unnecessary to await the results of the law enforcement investigation.
3. Based on enclosure (1), I recommend finding that RS3 Sharp's death occurred in the line of duty and not due to the member's own misconduct as defined in paragraphs 0217 and 0229 of reference (a).


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8 JUN 22

From: LT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), USN
To: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
Subj: LINE OF DUTY INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OF RS3 MIKAIL SHARP, USN ON
OR ABOUT 9 APR 2022
Ref: (a) JAGMAN, Chapter II
Encl: (1) Appointment Letter dtd 11 APR 22
(2) Command Duty Officer Memoranda dtd 11 Apr 22
(3) Death Certificate

Preliminary Statement

1. Pursuant to enclosure (1), and in accordance with reference (a), I conducted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of RS3 Mikail Sharp that occurred off base in Hampton, Virginia, on 9 April 2022. Due to the ongoing investigation by local authorities, supported by NCIS, I was not able to collect any evidence or interview potential witnesses to the incident. I consulted with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON's Deputy Command Judge Advocate, LT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), JAGC, USN, for legal direction. An extension of time was requested and granted to await official documentation of the member's death.
2. I was able to obtain the service member's Death Certificate and attach as part of the record, which identifies the cause of death.

Findings of Fact

1. On 9 Apr 22, the command received notification from Hampton Police Department of an alleged suicide involving RS3 Mikail Sharp [Encl 2].
 2. On 9 Apr 22, RS3 Sharp attended a gender reveal party at his mother-in-law's residence in Hampton, Virginia, with his wife [Encl 2].
 3. During the event, RS3 Sharp and his wife engaged in a verbal argument [Encl 2].
 4. Following the argument, RS3 Sharp left the residence and party attendees reported hearing a gunshot [Encl 2].
 5. Hampton Police were contacted and responded to the scene where RS3 Sharp was found in his vehicle, alone, with a fatal gunshot wound [Encl 2].
 6. A firearm was found in the vehicle, in RS3 Sharp's lap [Encl 2].
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7. An autopsy was performed on RS3 Sharp on 11 April 2022; however, the results are not yet releasable, and will not be for an extended period of time.
8. To date, no investigative materials have been received by the command.
9. RS3 Sharp's Death Certificate was provided to the command by NCIS on 8 June 2022, and indicates the cause of death as "shot self in head with handgun [Encl 3].

Opinions

1. RS3 Sharp's death was a direct result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Per reference (a), even if there was evidence of a bona fide suicide attempt, "in view of the strong human instinct for self-preservation, suicide and a bona fide suicide attempt creates a strong inference of lack of mental responsibility."
2. RS3 Sharp's death was in the line of duty. The outcome of the local investigation will have no impact on this line of duty determination. There is no indication of any misconduct on the part of the member. RS3 Sharp's death is an apparent suicide, and not the result of his own misconduct.

Recommendations

1. I recommend the command submit this report or a similar report to the General Court-Martial Convening Authority (Commander Naval Air Force Atlantic), detailing the circumstances of RS3 Sharp's death, with the finding that his death occurred in the line of duty and was not due to his own misconduct.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
FPO AE 09550

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11 Apr 22

From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
To: LT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), USN

Subj: LINE OF DUTY INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF RS3 MIKAIL SHARP,
USN ON OR ABOUT 09 APRIL 22

Ref: (a) JAGINST 5800.7F (JAGMAN)
(b) Public Law 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
(c) DoD 6025.18, Implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule in DoD Health Care Programs

1. Per Chapter II of reference (a), you are appointed to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of RS3 Mikail Sharp, USN, in Hampton, Virginia on or about 09 April 2022. If you have not previously done so, read Chapter II of reference (a) in its entirety before beginning your investigation. Refer to appendix A-2-K of reference (a) for a list of matters that should be included in your investigation report, as applicable.

2. You are directed to make one of the three following determinations concerning the death of the subject service member: (1) the death occurred in the line of duty and not due to the member's own misconduct; (2) the death occurred not in the line of duty and not due to the member's own misconduct; or (3) the death occurred not in the line of duty and due to the member's own misconduct.

3. In accordance with references (b) and (c), you are hereby authorized to receive, review, and discuss protected health information with appropriate providers concerning RS3 Sharp. The specific protected health information covered is anything in RS3 Sharp's medical record or mental health records regarding the incident specified above. The disclosure of RS3 Sharp's protected health information is subject to the minimum necessary to execute the military mission of conducting this investigation.

4. Submit your written findings in the format provided in appendix A-2-e of reference (a) by **25 April 2022**. You may seek legal advice from LT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), JAGC, USN, Deputy Command Judge Advocate, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), during the course of your investigation.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

By Direction

11 APR 22

From: CDR (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), USS GEORGE WASHINGTON
To: Preliminary Inquiry Officer

Subj: Line of Duty Investigation ICO RS3 Mikail Sharp, USN

1. On 9 Apr 22, while serving as the Command Duty Officer, the command received a call from Hampton Police Department stating a George Washington sailor named Mikail Sharp was found deceased in a motor vehicle. I was provided with a number for the detective at the scene for further information. I contacted Detective (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the detective at the scene, to provide me more information to generate the ship's Navy Blue SITREP. Detective (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed me that Hampton Police responding to shot's fired call at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Hampton VA discovered RS3 Mikail Sharp dead inside a vehicle from an apparent suicide and near him a fire arm was found, next to his lap. He stated that the vehicle belonged to RS3 Sharp's mother. I inquired if he had any additional information; he stated that RS3 Sharp was at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Hampton VA attending a gender reveal party and sometime before his death was involved with an argument with his spouse.

2. After the call, I contacted the Commanding Officer to make a voice report, completed the 5W to the Chain of Command, and proceeded with drafting the Navy Blue SITREP.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA - CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS - RICHMOND

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE		DATE OF DEATH APRIL 18, 2022	STATE OF VIRGINIA 22-025295
NAME OF DECEASED MIKAIL		DATE OF BIRTH APRIL 9, 2022	DATE OF DEATH NOVEMBER 8, 1998
LAST NAME SHARP		AGE 23	SEX MALE
CITY OF DEATH NORFOLK		COUNTY OF DEATH NORFOLK	ZIP CODE 23503
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