



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 21 July 2009. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 31 July 1951 at age 21. The record reflects that at the time of your enlistment you had completed seven years of formal education.

Your record contains an aptitude board report dated 1 November 1951 which states, in part, that because of your poor school and work histories, low level performance, and passive resentment of authority, you failed to adjust to military life, and were recommended for an administrative separation.

Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of unsuitability due to inadaptability. The discharge authority directed separation under honorable conditions by reason of unsuitability and on 8 November 1951, while serving as a seaman recruit, you were issued a general discharge.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and limited education. It also considered your desire to upgrade your discharge because you feel that you served honorably. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your inability to adjust to military life and your very short period of service. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director