

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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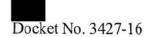
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 July 2017. 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 29 July 1952. On 18 December 1952, you received a certificate of completion for the Navy Training Course for the rating of Seaman with a mark of 3.3. However, although your naval record shows that you successfully completed the course, there is no evidence that you were officially advanced to the rating of Seaman. Later entries in your service record reflect that you are a Seaman Apprentice. On 31 July 1953 you were issued and signed a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active duty form (DD Form 214) where you were identified as a Yeoman Seaman Apprentice. On 1 August 1953, you were transferred to the temporary physical disability retired list.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case, because no error or injustice was identified in its review of your record. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken at this time. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the submission of new and material evidence. New evidence is evidence 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,

Executive Director