

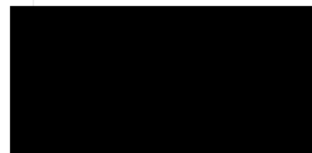


The Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors such as your desire to upgrade your discharge, contentions that you were punished for correcting someone for using the wrong term, and you were falsely accused of assault. The Board also noted your contentions that you were a hard worker that followed the rules, did your job well, never got into trouble, your family circumstances, and you have suffered with a general discharge for 24 years. In reviewing the circumstances of your separation and characterization of service, the Board considered the totality of the circumstances to determine whether relief is appropriate today in the interests of justice in accordance with guidance provided by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (*Wilkie Memo of 25 July 2018*). Accordingly, the Board considered and acknowledged your positive contributions to the Navy and the length of your active duty service to our nation. Even considering these potentially mitigating factors in accordance with the above referenced guidance, the Board did not find that relief was in the interest of justice. The Board concluded that your general discharge characterization was issued without error or injustice, and that corrective action is not warranted.

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 matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or 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,

12/18/2020

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Executive Director

Signed by:

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