



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 1762-21
6214-17
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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for reconsideration for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your reconsideration request has been denied.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

Because your application was submitted with new evidence not previously considered, the Board found it in the interest of justice to review your application. Your current request has been carefully examined by a three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session on 4 October 2021. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies to include the 25 July 2018 Under Secretary of Defense Memo on Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military / Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion (AO) furnished by a qualified mental health professional dated 19 July 2021, which was previously provided to you.

You presented as new evidence statements that you believe your mental illness started during your service in the Navy, that you have been suffering with mental illness for over 30 years, and would like to be treated at the Department of Veteran Affairs hospital. 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*). After careful review, the Board concluded that your other than honorable discharge was issued without error or injustice, and that corrective action is not warranted. In rendering its decision, the Board considered all of the contentions listed in your petition and statements attached thereto. However, the misconduct reflected in your service record outweighed the mitigating circumstances set forth in your petition.

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,

10/18/2021

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Executive Director

Signed by [Redacted name]