



authority that you be discharged with an other than honorable (OTH) characterization of service. In June 1988, the separation authority directed you be discharged by reason of misconduct for commission of a serious offense. On 15 July 1988, you were discharged with an OTH.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case in accordance with the Wilkie Memo. These included, but were not limited to, your desire to upgrade your discharge and your contentions that you: (1) requested a discharge while in boot camp due to having experienced pressure to join and not being a fit for what was expected, (2) deliberately failed tests and, when questioned, requested to be discharged; (3) were forced to complete boot camp; and (4) were permanently assigned to the galley at your first duty station and were instructed by a first class petty officer who would not let you strike for another position even if you performed admirably. You further contend, upon returning to your command, your commanding officer asked you if you wanted to be discharged and you answered "yes" which you now believe was an improper and unjust way to OTH a sailor. You add that you wish you would have consulted with counsel who may have persuaded you to remain in the military. The Board noted you did not submit advocacy letters or post-service documents to be considered for clemency purposes. Additionally, characterization of service is based in part on overall trait average (OTA) and military behavior/conduct (MB) marks assigned on a periodic basis. Both your OTA and MB were 1.0. At the time of your service, a conduct average of 2.8 with an average of 3.0 in MB was required to be considered for an honorable characterization of service. Based upon this review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board determined that your misconduct outweighed these mitigating factors. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the 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,

10/27/2021

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Executive Director

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