



environment. You waived your right to consult with counsel and acknowledged that you would receive an entry level separation. You were medically cleared for discharge on 5 May 1995 and separated with an uncharacterized characterization of service on 10 May 1995.

You contend you underwent a mental health evaluation in 2020 and were diagnosed with PTSD and severe depression, stemming from a mental breakdown you experienced while in basic training. You further contend PTSD was not recognized in 1995 and you were discharged not knowing the real issue.

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 contentions noted above and desire to upgrade your discharge. The Board also relied on the AO in making its determination. The AO noted that inside of six months of enlistment, discharge with an entry level separation, which is an uncharacterized discharge, is recommended for a multitude of reasons, to include failure to adapt to the military environment. The AO further stated that your in-service records contained evidence you were deemed unsuitable for retention due to emotional instability and temper control problems. Consequently, the AO concluded that although you are service connected with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for one or more disabilities, the preponderance of available evidence contemporary to your enlistment supported the appropriateness of the Commands' decision to separate you as an entry level separation. In its deliberations, the Board concurred with the AO and determined that you were appropriately counseled regarding training deficiencies, properly evaluated by a medical officer, and duly notified of your administrative separation processing. Based upon this review, the Board concluded that the potentially mitigating factors in your case were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board found no probable material error or injustice in the processing of your administrative separation proceedings, and these determinations outweighed the 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 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,

2/8/2022

