

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No: 6203-21 Ref: Signature Date



Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application 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 application has been denied.

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 threemember panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 13 October 2021. The names and votes of the panel members 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 the 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, to include the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice or clemency determinations (Wilkie Memo).

You completed an honorable period of service in the Navy Reserves from 1 September 1993 to 30 August 1994. You reenlisted in the Navy and began another period of active service on 4 March 1996. On 24 June 1998, you were counseled in regard to your disobedience of a lawful order. On 24 August 1998, you reenlisted for a period of four years. On 28 April 2000, you were convicted at a special court martial (SPCM) for a period of unauthorized absence from 9 July 1999 to 16 February 2000. You were sentenced to confinement, reduction in rank, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). On 27 June 2002, you were discharged with a BCD. You were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for your period of service ending on 27 June 2002. Block 18 of your DD Form 214 notates your continuous honorable active service from 4 March 1996 to 24 August 1998.

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 change your characterization of service and correct your record to change your separation in 1998 to Honorable. The Board noted your DD Form 214 for the period ending on 27 June 2002 indicates your honorable period of service. As a result of the foregoing, the Board found no error or injustice in your record, and determined you failed to provide sufficient evidence to support any adjustment to your record. Based upon this review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. 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,

