

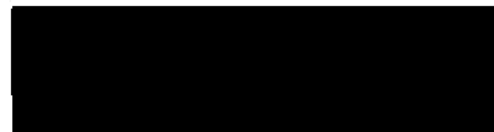
were on active duty. Rather, the Board found that, contrary to findings of unfitness, you were recommended for reenlistment upon your release from active duty and, later, the Navy Reserve. This led the Board to conclude that the preponderance of the evidence supports a finding that you were fit for continued naval service at the time of your release from active duty.

Notwithstanding the Board's negative findings of your request to change your discharge to a disability-related discharge, the Board noted that the VA is a separate entity and makes its own decisions relating to the disability status of former service members. Thus, it would be to your benefit to seek further information relating to the VA, which may be obtained via the Internet at www.VA.gov, or by contacting your nearest VA facility. In addition, there are many Veterans' organizations that provide free assistance to Veterans' seeking various benefits based on their service to our country. There are many publicly available resources that provide information on such entities.

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,

7/2/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: 