



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

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Docket No: 7075-21

Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552. 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 three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 20 December 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, 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 enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 20 August 1984. On 11 June 1985, you began a period of unauthorized absence (UA), which lasted one-day and 20 hours. On 20 June 1985, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for your period of UA. On 1 August 1985, you began a second period of UA, which lasted 42 days. On 20 September 1985, you received a second NJP for UA. On 28 September 1985, you began a third period of UA, which lasted four-days. On 30 September 1985, you missed the sailing of the █. On 5 October 1985, you received a third NJP for a period of UA, and missing ship movement. On 21 October 1985, you were notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense, at which point, you elected to waive your procedural rights. On 24 October 1985, your commanding officer recommended an other than honorable (OTH) discharge characterization of service by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. On 30 October 1985, the discharge authority approved and

ordered an OTH discharge characterization of service by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. On 1 November 1985, you were discharged.

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 that: (a) your grandfather was diagnosed with cancer at the time of your enlistment; (b) you decided to go UA for two weeks with the intent to stay with your grandmother; and (c) going UA in order to take care of your grandmother was the right thing to do. Based upon this review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board determined that your repeated misconduct, as evidenced by your NJPs, outweighed these mitigating factors. The Board noted you did not submit any documentation or advocacy letters to be considered. 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,

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Executive Director

Signed by: █