

ADB convened and recommended your discharge with an OTH character of service due to drug abuse. On 12 September 2003, you were so 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 desire to change your character of service to honorable, and your contentions that: (a) during your enlistment you tutored multiple Sailors in an official capacity, and helped them get through "A" school; and (b) you have not used any drugs since your discharge from naval service, you have been a good man, and a business owner. After careful consideration of your contentions and your naval record, the Board noted you failed to provide evidence to support your contentions of in-service and post service conduct. The Board did not find evidence of an error or injustice that warrants upgrading your characterization of service. 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,

2/4/2022

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Executive Director
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