



to the separation authority (SA) recommending your administrative discharge from the Marine Corps with an Uncharacterized Entry-Level Separation. The SA approved the recommendation for administrative discharge, and directed your Uncharacterized Entry-Level Separation from the Marine Corps by reason of entry level performance and conduct. On 27 October 1989, you were discharged from the Marine Corps with an Uncharacterized Entry-Level Separation by reason of entry level performance and conduct.

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 narrative reason for separation and contention that you were not discharged due to conduct, but rather after being examined by a psychiatrist for depression. You further contend that you were given an "honorable discharge" and yet your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) states that you were discharged due to "conduct" despite no issue regarding your conduct. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, the Board noted you did not provide supporting documentation describing post-service accomplishments or advocacy letters.

After thorough review, the Board concluded your potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board determined your narrative reason for separation is appropriate in your circumstances and authorized by regulatory guidance. In making this determination, the Board noted that a Marine unable to complete basic training requirements due to an inability to adapt may be discharged with an entry level performance and conduct narrative reason for separation. Furthermore, regarding your characterization of service, the Board noted your DD Form 214 annotates your characterization of service as "Uncharacterized." Applicable regulations authorize an Uncharacterized Entry-Level separation if the processing of an individual's separation begins within 180 days of the individual's entry on active service, as in your case. Therefore, even in light of the Wilkie Memo and reviewing the record holistically, the Board did not find evidence of an error or injustice that warrants changing your narrative reason for separation, or granting relief as a matter of clemency or equity. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined 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,

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Executive Director  
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