



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

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Docket No: 7568-22
Ref: Signature Date

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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 three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 November 2022. 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).

On 28 January 1972, you enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty. On 26 June 1972, your record of navy service schools attended indicates you were dropped from Machinist's Mate Class School for lack of interest and were issued a Navy Enlisted Classification Code as QM-0200. On 24 July 1972, you reported aboard the ■■■■■■■■■■. On 5 January 1973, an entry in your OMPF lists your primary Navy Enlisted Classification Record code as QM-0200. On 31 January 1973, you were transferred from the ■■■■■■■■■■ for the purpose of separation. You were discharged on 9 February 1973, with an under honorable character of service by reason of early separation under an authorized program. At the time of your discharge you were issued an Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214N) that indicated your specialty number and title as QM-200 and your entitlement to the National Defense Service Medal.

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 rate from “QM” (Quartermaster) to “BM” (Boatswains Mate) and to add the Vietnam Service Ribbon (VSM) to your record. The Board also considered your contentions that your ship, █ “was in █ during your tour.”

Based upon the Board’s review, it concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, and after applying liberal consideration, the Board did not find evidence of an error or injustice that warrants changing your rate to BM. Further, the Board determined that you have not exhausted your administrative remedies in regards to your entitlement to the VSM. Submit a Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF-180) to the National Personnel Records Center for a full verification of awards you are entitled to for your military 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,

12/6/2022

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