



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7956-22
Ref: Signature Date



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 13 March 2023. 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, and an advisory opinion (AO) provided by Naval Personnel Command (NPC) (PERS-312/SA), dated 1 March 2023.

You enlisted in the Navy on and began a period of active service on 7 December 1965. At the time of your enlistment, you indicated your social security number (SSN) as █. You were honorably discharged from naval service on 6 September 1969. In this regard, you were issued an Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) which indicates your SSN as █.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case. These included, but were not limited to, your desire to correct your SSN and to add awards you are entitled to based on your service aboard the █

Based upon this review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board concurred with the AO that your SSN

appears to be correct based on your enlistment contract. While the Board considered your contention that your SSN is incorrect, the Board noted that you provided insufficient evidence to support your contention of error. The Board requests that you provide a letter from the Social Security Administration that verifies that your SSN has remained unchanged since 1965.

Regarding your request for awards, the Board noted that NPC issued you a DD Form 215 that updated your missing awards. The Board concurred with the AO, which found no evidence to support your eligibility to the following awards: Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or Humanitarian Service Medal. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that the remainder of 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,

4/1/2023

