



uncharacterized entry-level separation based on your time in service consisting of less than 180 days.

In your petition, you request an Honorable characterization of service and the narrative reason for separation to be changed to medical discharge vice an entry-level separation. You argue that during boot camp you injured both of your ear drums during a swim training exercise, which caused you to go to the medical clinic and prevented you from completing boot camp.

The Board carefully reviewed your petition and the material that you provided in support of your petition and disagreed with your rationale for relief. First, the Board noted you did not provide any evidence of a training injury in service. The Board also noted that contrary to your assertion of injury to your ear during training, there are records in your medical file documenting you told medical personnel that you had a history of ear surgery and that you were treated for ear difficulties starting at the age of six. Therefore, the Board determined the medical board findings support your erroneous enlistment separation and insufficient evidence of error or injustice exists to grant you a disability discharge.

Second, the Board determined your assigned uncharacterized entry-level separation remains appropriate. Service regulations direct that members processed for separation within their first 180 days of active duty service shall be assigned an uncharacterized entry-level separation. While there are exception to this policy in cases involving misconduct or extraordinary performance, the Board determined neither exception applies in your case. 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,

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