



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

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Docket No. 8156-23
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 case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 25 October 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 this 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).

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active service on 4 August 1986. You were assigned the Primary Specialty of functional support and administration (9750) and you completed airman apprentice training on 13 November 1986. Your Enlisted Performance Report, dated 16 December 1986, notes your duties and responsibilities as an aircraft handler, responsible for chocking chaining of aircraft, associated equipment, and security patrol watches. You were discharged on 18 June 1987, with an Honorable character of service by reason of hardship. You were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) that lists your primary specialty as "9750 Functional Support and Administration."

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 the primary specialty (block 11) listed on your DD Form 214 from functions support and administration to an "aircraft handler."

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. The Board noted you completed airman apprentice training and, while your active service your duties included handling aircrafts, your primary specialty was functional support and administration. Therefore, the Board found no error on injustice with block 11 on your DD Form 214. 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,

11/17/2023

