

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

Docket No: 3059-16

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Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10 of the United States Code, Section 1552.

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 for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 January 2017. The names and votes of the members of the panel 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, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

In regard to your request for a personal appearance, be advised that the Board regulations state personal appearances before the Board are not granted as a right, but only when the Board determines that such an appearance will serve some useful purpose. In your case, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of the record.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board noted that the available records appeared to be incomplete and they did not have access to all of your separations paperwork. Of the available records, it was noted that you enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 8 December 2015. You were processed for administrative separation by reason of an erroneous entry and subsequently on 25 February 2016, discharged with an uncharacterized entry level separation, and at which time you were assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

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The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to change your reentry code and contention that the sequence of events recorded are in error and are portrayed as current. The Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reentry code given your reason for separation. In this regard, an RE-4 reentry code is authorized when a Sailor is discharged and not recommended for retention. You were assigned the most appropriate reentry code based on your situation.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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,

Executive Director