



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

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Docket No. 331-17
3 March 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application dated 29 December 2016 for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10 of the United States Code, Section 1552.

You have requested that this Board upgrade your discharge due to suffering from to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) during your active military service.

A preliminary review of your application revealed that you did not include any materials or documentation to support your claim of PTSD symptoms, diagnosis, or treatment. The Board can and will consider your request without any such documentation, however, it will likely be very difficult for the Board to support your PTSD claim and provide you the best possible opportunity to obtain the requested relief, without supporting medical or clinical evidence.

Current BCNR protocols require the Board to obtain a medical advisory opinion on all potential or possible PTSD cases. Navy medical professionals at Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery (BUMED) will be challenged to render an advisory opinion without the appropriate medical or clinical documentation regarding any PTSD triggering events or other service-related trauma in your application.

Accordingly, we are sending you this notice to request additional medical or clinical evidence from you in support of your claim. At this time, your case has been temporarily administratively placed on hold in order to provide you an opportunity to submit any additional evidence or documentation you have within the next sixty (60) days. Your case will be reopened either upon receipt of any additional supporting evidence from you, or at the end of the 60-day period (whichever comes first), and will receive priority processing.

For your reference, enclosed please find the Secretary of Defense's Memorandum "Supplemental Guidance to Military Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Considering Discharge Upgrade Requests by Veterans Claiming Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder" of September 3, 2014.

This memo provides guidance on what types of evidence the Board may consider and the guidance used to determine eligibility for an upgrade due to the existence of PTSD at the time of service. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding as we continue to process your application.

Sincerely,



By direction

Enclosure