



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

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Docket No. 0604-24  
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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 application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 29 April 2024. 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.

You enlisted in the Navy Reserve and commenced active duty on 20 May 1976. On 10 May 1979, you were released from active duty after your period of Honorable service. On 19 May 1979, you affiliated with a drilling unit and were later Honorably discharged from the Reserves on 12 May 1982.

On 16 November 2022, your Congressional representative was notified by Navy Personnel Command that you did not meet the criteria for the Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM), as you did not serve four years of active service, which was the requirement during your active-duty enlistment.

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 contention that you served three on active duty and two years as an active reservist. You believe you are entitled to the NGCM based on your on-line research.

After thorough review, the Board concluded that you do not qualify for the NGCM. The Board noted that you served two years, eleven months, and twenty-one days of active duty; short of the four years of active duty required for the NGCM. The Board found no evidence you returned to active duty status after your documented release on 10 May 1979. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board thanks you for your Honorable and faithful service to this country.

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,

5/19/2024

