



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

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Docket No. 6227-24
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Dear Petitioner:

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

Because your application was submitted with new evidence not previously considered, the Board found it in the interest of justice to review your application. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session on 8 July 2024, has carefully examined your current request. 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.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to the understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on evidence of record.

You previously applied to this Board to change your Social Security number (SSN) and were denied on 26 April 2024. The facts of your case remain substantially unchanged.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case in accordance. These included, but were not limited to, The Board again carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your desire to correct your SSN, as well as your contentions that you believe your recruiter made the error in your SSN at the time of your enlistment which you did not discover until years later. You now desire to correct your SSN so that your service records are correct and to find out whether you are eligible for veteran benefits. In support of your application, you provided supplemental identification in the form of your state issued driver's license, in addition to your previously provided birth registration card and a social security card.

Regarding your request to correct your SSN, as stated in the Board's previous denial, the SSN card which you appear to have been issued on 13 March 2014 differs substantially from the number you provided at the time of your entry into military service. Even with the supplemental explanation you have now provided, in which you blame your recruiter for most likely making a recording error, the Board found the quality of the SSN card you again provided insufficiently reliable to verify your correct SSN. The Board notes, foremost, that its previous denial identified the issues regarding the reliability of the card you previously provided for consideration. In this regard, you now state that you have contacted that Social Security Administration (SSA), and you claim that the SSA has verified that your current card is the correct number. However, you have provided no evidence of such communication from the SSA. Further, none of the documents you have provided as proof of your identity contain your SSN, except for the purported card from the SSA which the Board already found to be insufficient to support your request. Therefore, absent verifying evidence from the SSA, the Board determined insufficient evidence of error or injustice exists with your record. 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 the 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 is attached 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,

7/25/2024

