



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 62-25
37-25
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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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 6 March 2025. 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

A review of your record shows you enlisted in the Navy and commenced active duty on 14 November 2024, approximately 18 days later received separation orders, and on 9 December 2024, you were discharged.¹

In your petition, you have requested your characterization of service be changed to “honorable” and your narrative reason for separation changed to “Medical – Not a Disability.” You explain that you are seeking benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), but the VA requires 90 days of active duty service or a medical discharge. You further contend that “as written” your current DD 214 does not explain or accurately portray your discharge.

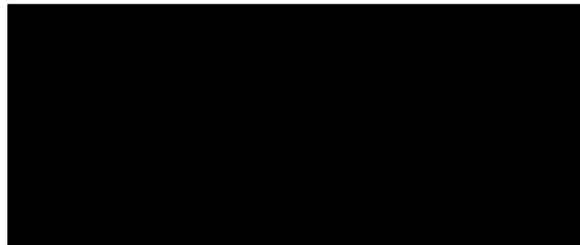
¹ The Board noted your Official Military Personnel File does not contain a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) nor did you submit one. However, your separation orders indicate you received an entry level separation and were assigned a separation code of “JFC” which indicates “erroneous entry (other).”

The Board carefully reviewed your petition and the material you provided in support of your petition², and disagreed with your rationale for relief. The Board noted that a separation initiated within the first 180 days of continuous active duty will be described as an Uncharacterized Entry Level Separation except in those limited Navy cases: (a) when an honorable discharge is approved by the Secretary of the Navy in cases involving unusual circumstances or (b) where processing under a more serious basis is appropriate and where characterization of service under other than honorable conditions upon discharge is warranted. The Board determined neither of these exceptions describe your circumstances. Additionally, the Board considered the medical documents you submitted in support of your request for a medical discharge but noted they contain insufficient evidence indicating an error or injustice in your entry level separation. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined 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,

3/17/2025



² The Board, noting your initial submission (Docket No. 37-25) was administratively closed because you provided incomplete information, also considered the supporting documentation contained within that application package.