



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

Docket No. 1596-25
Ref: Signature Date

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 2 September 2025. 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 Naval Reserve for a period of six years on 28 January 1964. On 8 June 1965, you were ordered to two years (24 months) active duty service. You were directed to report to Commanding Officer, [REDACTED] on 13 July 1965 for outfitting, classification and further assignment by the Chief of Naval Personnel. On 6 July 1965, you were transferred to Commanding Officer, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for an examination to determine your physical fitness for active duty and for further assignment and or transfer, if found to be qualified. On 13 July 1965, you entered on 24 months voluntary general service.

However, on 21 July 1965, you were referred for a medical evaluation due to persistent hypertension. On 23 July 1965, a medical evaluation was conducted and found you to be physically disqualified for active duty due to hypertension and you were directed to return to your Reserve unit. On 10 August 1965, the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery determined you were not physically qualified for active duty or retention in the U.S. Naval Reserve by

reason of blood pressure in excess of maximum standards. On 1 September 1965, the Commandant, ■ notified you that the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery decision and, in response to the notification, you requested discharge from the Naval Reserve by reason of physical disability. On 14 October 1965, you were discharged from the Naval Reserve by reason of physical disability with an Honorable characterization of service. You were issued a Record of Discharge, Release from Active Duty, or Death that noted no active duty was performed during your enlistment and you were not recommended for reenlistment.

In your current application, you request to be issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) showing your period of active duty. The Board considered your contention that your stated period of service from "13 July 1965 to 14 October 1965" shows you served ninety consecutive days of active duty and should entitled you to a DD Form 214. For purposes of equity consideration, the Board considered the supporting documentation you provided in support of your application.

After a detailed review of your record, the Board determined that your official military personnel file (OMPF) does not provide the necessary evidence to substantiate your request for a DD Form 214. Specifically, the issuance of a DD Form 214 is authorized for personnel who have served 90 days or more, or when required by the Secretary concerned for shorter periods, for a period of active duty for training, full-time duty, or active duty for operational support. The Board noted your statement of service and OMPF indicates you did not meet any of the necessary service requirements to be issued a DD Form 214. As discussed above, your record annotates you were ordered to return to your Reserve unit after approximately 10 days of medical screening¹ and you remained there while your medical qualifications were evaluated. 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 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,

9/11/2025

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Executive Director

Signed by: ■

¹ Based on your record, the Board was unable to determine whether this 10-day period constituted active duty service. Therefore, the Board determined the presumption of regularity applied to your case. Regardless, while it is possible that you may have been on active duty for the 10-day period prior to your return to your Reserve unit, the Board determined such a finding still would not meet the requirements for a DD Form 214.