

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 2788-25 Ref: Signature Date



Dear Petitioner:

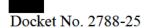
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

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 case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 24 March 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, to include the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice or clemency determinations (Wilkie Memo).

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 enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 9 February 2009. On 22 February 2009, you were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder and psychosocial and environmental problems. You were found not to meet the minimum physical standards for enlistment or induction due to a condition which was determined to have existed prior to your entry to active duty. Consequently, you were notified of processing for administrative separation by reason of defective enlistment or induction due to your erroneous enlistment. Ultimately, you were separated in an entry-level status, on 12 March 2009, and assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case in accordance with the Wilkie Memo. These included, but were not limited to, your desire to change your reentry code to permit reenlistment



and your contention that you are a sworn peace officer for the state of to continue serving. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, the Board considered the totality of your application, which consisted solely of your petition without any other additional documentation.

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board determined that your assigned reentry code remains appropriate. The Board observed that you did not submit any supporting documentation which might provide evidence that the pre-existing medical condition which resulted in your erroneous enlistment either no longer exists or that it should no longer be considered as disqualifying based upon your current employment and performance of duties as a peace officer. In making this finding, the Board considered that your 23 February 2009 medical evaluation determined you possessed a high risk for harm to yourself and other due to your adverse reaction to the military environment. Absent evidence that addresses the basis for your separation from the Navy, the Board determined it was not in the interests of justice to grant your request.

Therefore, even in light of the Wilkie Memo and reviewing the record holistically, the Board did not find evidence of an error or injustice that warrants granting you the relief you requested or granting relief as a matter of clemency or equity. 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.

