



included, but were not limited to, your desire to change your discharge characterization of service and your contentions that your files say Honorable but block 23 of your DD Form 214 reads only as "Discharged" and that you are being rejected for service because your DD Form 214 is incomplete. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, the Board considered the totality of your application; which included your DD Form 149 and the copy of your DD Form 214 you provided.

After thorough review, the Board concluded your potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. The Board determined your assigned uncharacterized entry-level separation remains appropriate. The Board observed that you referred to Block 23, "Type of Separation," in your application; however, characterization of service is indicated in Block 24, "Character of Service." Your DD Form 214's Block 24 indicates "Entry Level Separation (Uncharacterized)." The Board noted, at your time of discharge, your total time in service was less than 180 days and the applicable regulations required an Uncharacterized , Entry Level Separation if the processing of an individual's separation began within 180 days of the individual's entry on active service. While there are exceptions to policy in cases where an Honorable discharge is clearly warranted by unusual circumstances involving personal conduct and performance or the circumstances, the Board determined none apply in your case. Finally, absent a material error or injustice, the Board declined to summarily upgrade a discharge solely for the purpose of facilitating veterans' benefits or enhancing educational or employment opportunities.

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 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,

7/23/2025

