



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 5564-25
Ref: Signature Date

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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 28 January 2026. 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 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 that you attended Navy Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 2024. Your exact date of entry is not available in your available records. You asserted in your petition that you were separated from OCS on █. In support of your request, you contend that you were discharged after you had an accident that involved losing feeling in your legs and falling down stairs. You further argue that correction is necessary to show clearly and accurately the nature of the accident and the resulting permanent disability, for proper medical and administrative records, and to ensure that future needs are able to be assessed to help with your future issues with this disability. You provided a lumbar MRI as well as a discharge questionnaire in support of your request.

The Board carefully reviewed your petition and the material that you provided in support of your petition, and disagreed with your rationale for relief. In reaching its decision, the Board observed that it applies a presumption of regularity to support the official actions of public officers and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, will presume that they have properly discharged their official duties. In reviewing your record, the Board concluded the preponderance of the evidence does not support a finding that there was an error or an injustice in your separation from service. In reaching its decision, the Board observed that it could find no evidence in your service records suggesting that you should have been referred to a MEB for

further referral into the Disability Evaluation System (DES) while you were service. The Board further observed that you provided no medical documentation containing such a recommendation, and that your documentary evidence does not support your claim. Indeed, the Board observed that the Separations Questionnaire that you provided in support of your request contained a medical endorsement reflected that, prior to your separation, you were evaluated and considered physically qualified for separation by a medical doctor. In addition, page 3 of your DD Form 2807-1, which is a Report of Medical History used at separation physical examinations, notes, “[b]ack pain while at OCS. Should recover with time and home therapy.” In light of the foregoing, the Board determined that the material you provided, along with your argument in support of your requested relief, was insufficient to overcome the presumption of regularity that you were properly processed out of OCS and discharged from the Navy. Thus, the Board was unable to find an error or injustice in your naval record to warrant correction. 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,

2/21/2026

