



2. You served honorably in the Navy.
3. You have been living a holy life in church with your three children.

After careful review, the Board reached the following conclusions and denied your application for relief.

The Board initially concluded you were appropriately assigned an uncharacterized entry-level separation based on your active duty time in service. While the Board carefully considered your contention for mitigation, the Board noted you did not dispute your period of active duty service. Therefore, the Board determined the presumption of regularity applies to your administrative separation and no error exists with your record.

The Board also considered the totality of the circumstances to determine whether equitable relief was warranted in the interests of justice in accordance with the Wilkie Memo. In this regard, the Board considered, amongst other factors, your desire for an upgrade to your characterization of service, your contentions, the negative effect your discharge has had on your life, your family circumstances, and the passage of time since your discharge.

The Board found that the mitigating factors were not nearly sufficient to justify any equitable relief. Specifically, the Board found that your uncharacterized entry-level discharge remains appropriate. The Board considered that service regulations direct the assignment of an uncharacterized entry-level separation for service members processed for separation, as you were, within their first 180 days of active duty. While there are exceptions to this policy, the Board found that none applied to you based on the circumstances of your separation. In reviewing the circumstances of your case, the Board was unable to discern any facts that were extraordinary or uniquely different from countless of other former service members who were discharged while in an entry-level status. While the Board acknowledged your commendable post-service accomplishments and desire for a discharge upgrade, it determined the Navy's interest in maintaining consistency in its personnel system outweigh those mitigation factors. Finally, the Board noted that decisions reached by the VA do not affect previous discharge decisions made by the Navy. The criteria used by the VA in determining whether a former service member is eligible for benefits are different than those used by the Navy when determining a member's discharge characterization.

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,

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