



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8154-25
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 22 April 2026. The names and votes of the members of the panel 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.

The Board carefully considered your request to change the rank listed on your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to E-7 because that was the rank you were prior court-martial. Specifically, you contend the relief granted by the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB)¹ warrants additional relief so you “respectfully request this evolution to be completed by restoring [your] chief’s anchors” on your final DD Form 214.

The Board, however, determined the requested relief – return of your “chief’s anchors” by restoring your “grade, rate or rank” on the DD Form 214 to “E7” -- is not warranted. The clemency granted by the NDRB does not erase the court-martial nor the actions flowing from the court-martial. Further, even applying liberal consideration, the Board, even considering the legal brief and evidence you submitted to the NDRB, determined a reversion to your rank prior to the court-martial is not warranted. Based on the available evidence, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice to grant your requested relief.

¹ The Board noted NDRB corrected your DD Form 214 to reflect you were honorably discharged by reason of secretarial authority. As noted in its report, the NDRB, based on clemency, “found a mitigating mental health nexus between medical evidence of record contained sufficient mitigating factors to offset the seriousness of the offenses for which the discharge was awarded.”

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,

5/7/2026

