



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 8519-25
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to 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 you did not file your application in a timely manner, the Board waived the statute of limitation in that interest of justice. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 12 May 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 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 following is the relevant factual background of your case based upon review of your naval record and/or the matters provided with your application:

- You were honorably discharged from the Army Reserve on 22 February 1990. Based on a record from the Army, you were released to enlist in the Navy Reserve.
- However, after extensive attempts to retrieve your Navy official military personnel file documenting your service in the Navy Reserve, the Board was unable to locate any relevant records. The Board was unable to determine your final characterization on service; likewise, if such characterization was less than fully honorable, the Board was unable to identify the nature of the misconduct which might have resulted in such discharge.

In your application to this Board, you express a desire for your discharge character of service be upgraded and contend that you are seeking an upgrade to access veterans' health benefits.

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

Accepting your assertion that you were discharged from the Navy Reserve under Other Than Honorable conditions, after applying a presumption of regularity, the Board concluded that your discharge was proper as issued. In making this finding, the Board noted that you did not submit any evidence in support of your application. As a result, the Board did not find evidence of an error or injustice that warrants a change to your record.

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 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.

Sincerely,

6/4/2026

