



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

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Docket No. 8916-25
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 10 February 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:

1. You enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve and began a period of active duty on 4 May 2016. On 28 September 2016, you were released from active duty at the completion of your initial duty for training and assigned to your Reserve unit.
2. On 18 October 2023, you were discharged at the completion of required service with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) (GEN) characterization of service, and assigned an RE-4 reentry code with a JBK separation code. Your separation code reflects completion of required service.

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

The Board initially concluded you were appropriately released from the Navy Reserve at the end of your required service and assigned the correct separation code and reentry code. While the

Board carefully considered your contention, the Board noted you did not provide supporting evidence to show you were recommended for retention at the end of your obligated service. Therefore, the Board determined the presumption of regularity applies to the finding that your record contains no errors.

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 contentions, the totality of your service, your need for veterans' benefits, the negative effect your discharge has had on your life, and your desire to continuing serving in the military.

The Board found that the mitigating factors were not nearly sufficient to justify any equitable relief. Specifically, the Board determined your desire to continue service in the military was insufficient mitigation evidence to support your desired changes to your record. The Board empathized with your situation but noted you did not provide sufficient evidence to support your claim your separation and reentry codes were issued in error. Examples of probative evidence would be your final performance evaluation that annotates you were recommended for retention, or statements from your former chain of command or command indicating an error was made. Absent substantial evidence to the contrary, the Board was unwilling to overlook the presumption of regularity in your case.

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,

2/23/2026

