



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE RD
ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 9366-25
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.

Your application was not filed in a timely manner. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 December 2025. In your application, you requested your discharge be changed to “reflect medical retirement due to service-connected visual disability and [post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)].” You specifically contend an eye injury you sustained while on active duty resulted in “permanent visual disability” but you were never referred to a medical evaluation board or physical evaluation board “despite the severity and progression of the condition.” Now, because you are rated 100% permanent and total by the Department of Veterans Affairs for “bilateral vision loss and PTSD” you believe “[m]edical retirement is warranted.” In reviewing your application, the Board noted you were released from active duty 28 December 1988 and transferred to the naval reserve where you continued to serve in the Selected Reserve for four years until your discharge 16 October 1992. The Board also noted your explanations for the lack of command documentation of the refueling incident and lack of medical attention from the date of the incident until your eventual discharge. One noteworthy letter included in your submission from █ dated 13 April 1989 described a pre-service incident with floor wax that splashed in both your eyes resulting in scarring. However, the most noteworthy part of the 1989 letter is the absence of any discussion of the refueling incident you contend was the impetus of your visual disability. However, after considering the length of time since your discharge, the Board concluded you did not provide a sufficient basis to excuse the failure to submit the application in a timely manner and was unwilling to waive the three-year statute of limitations due to the length of time since your discharge.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

12/30/2025

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