



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

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Docket No. 9941-25  
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. The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. In your application, you requested to have your uncharacterized entry level separation changed to an honorable medical discharge. You contend it would be in the interest of justice to excuse your failure to submit your application in a timely manner because you lost your paperwork, including your DD Form 214, in a house fire of your childhood home years ago. You explained that you recently requested your DD Form 214 from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and noticed the reason for your separation. After careful and conscientious consideration, the Board determined this was an insufficient reason to find it in the interest of justice to excuse your failure to submit your application in a timely manner which was over 3 years after your discharge. Thus, the Board was not willing to waive the three-year statute of limitations since the date of discovery, and determined your request should be denied due to the length of time since your discharge in January 1998. (Period of service 30 December 1997 through 13 January 1998).

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,

12/31/2025

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