



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

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Docket No. 10255-25
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 22 January 2026. The Board determined your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. In your application, you requested upgrade of your entry level separation to “honorable medical discharge or medical retirement discharge” because your physical injury occurred while on active duty and has “worsened with age.” Specifically, due to your Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability rating, you contend the injury is service-connected and an upgraded discharge would accurately reflect your service of 158 days – “just 22 days shy of the 180 day mark”-- and allow you access to VA and state benefits. However, the Board, noting you were discharged in August 1997, observed you did not provide a basis to excuse your failure to submit your 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,

2/7/2026

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