



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

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Docket No. 11688-25
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. In your application, you requested a “disability code based on [an] updated medical/mental health finding” that Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) is now classified as a mental health disorder. Specifically, you contend this new classification by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-5 (DSM-5), “emphasizes that AUD is not merely a moral failing but a complex disorder that affects both mental and physical health.” However, the Board, noting you were discharged in April 1994 and also noting DSM-5 was published in 2013, 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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