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

[redacted]
Docket No. 221-26
Ref: Signature Date

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

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 correction of your other than honorable discharge because you completed four years of prior honorable service from March 1983 to February 1987 and you are seeking medical benefits and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In reviewing your application, the Board, noting you were discharged on 14 April 1989, by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense, observed you did not provide a sufficient basis to excuse the failure to submit the application in a timely manner. Thus, the Board was not willing to waive the three-year statute of limitations due to the length of time since your discharge.

Therefore, 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.

The Board noted that you may be eligible for veterans' benefits which accrued during your prior period of honorable service. However, your eligibility is a matter under the cognizance of the VA. In this regard, you should contact the nearest VA office concerning your rights, specifically, whether or not you are eligible for benefits based on your prior period of honorable service.

Sincerely,

1/29/2026

[redacted]