



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TJR  
Docket No: 477-01  
28 June 2001

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 26 June 2001. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found you enlisted in the Navy on 16 March 1992 at the age of 19. Your record reflects that on 8 October 1992 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey a lawful order. The punishment imposed was a \$392 forfeiture of pay, a reduction in rate, and extra duty and restriction for 30 days.

Your record further reflects that on 27 September 1993 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 120 day period of unauthorized absence (UA). You were sentenced to confinement at hard labor for two months and a \$1,000 forfeiture of pay.

On 6 November 1993 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. You then waived your rights to consult with legal counsel, present your case to an administrative discharge board, or to submit a statement in rebuttal to the discharge. On 10 November 1983 your commanding officer recommended you be issued an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. Subsequently, the

discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct, and on 22 December 1993 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and your contention that your period of UA was the result of your personal problems. However, the Board concluded these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the serious nature of your lengthy period of UA. Also, there is no evidence in your record, and you submitted none, to support your contention. Given all the circumstances of your case, the Board concluded your discharge was proper as issued and no change is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director