



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

CRS
Docket No: 3039-01
10 December 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 28 November 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 21 January 1987 after more than two months of prior active service. The record reflects that you received two nonjudicial punishments. The offenses included an unauthorized absence of a day, failure to obey a lawful order, and use of cocaine.

On 15 November 1991 an administrative discharge board recommended that you be separated with a general discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and you received a general discharge on 24 December 1991.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and the contention that you never knowingly used drugs. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your use of drugs. In this regard, you have submitted no evidence, and the record contains none, to support your contention that you never

used drugs. Further, individuals discharged by reason of misconduct are often discharged under other than honorable conditions. 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director