



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

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Docket No: 8758-01
20 June 2002

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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 18 June 2002. 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.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 27 September 1982 at the age of 18. Approximately eight months later, on 13 May 1983, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two specifications of wrongful possession of marijuana and possession of alcoholic beverages in the barracks. The punishment imposed was a \$572 forfeiture of pay, half of which was suspended for six months, restriction and extra duty for 45 days, and reduction to paygrade E-1.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct by reason of drug abuse. At that time you waived your rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board. On 25 May 1983 your commanding officer recommended an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. The discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse, and on 20 July 1983 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, post service conduct, and employment history. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the serious nature of your repetitive drug related misconduct. 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