

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 5713-07 7 February 2008



This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the 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 6 February 2008. 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.

On 27 April 1989, you enlisted in the Navy at age 18. On 3 October 1989, you had nonjudicial punishment for a 34 day period of unauthorized absence. On 16 October 1989, your commanding officer initiated administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. In connection with this processing, you acknowledged that separation could result in an other than honorable (OTH) discharge and waived the right to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board. On 20 November 1989, the separation authority approved the recommendation and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. On 29 November 1989, you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations authorize the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to members who are discharged due to misconduct. Given the reason for discharge and since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code. Accordingly, your application has been

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

The Board did not consider whether the characterization of service or reason for separation should be changed, since you did not include that in your request. You may submit a new request to the Board by submitting the enclosed DD Form 149 to the address set forth on the form.

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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