



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

BAN
Docket No: 07738-08
29 May 2009



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 21 May 2009. 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 Navy on 28 December 1982, and served without disciplinary incident until 13 March 1985, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for drug use (marijuana).

Shortly thereafter, on 19 August 1985, while being seen by the naval hospital for a medical evaluation for drug dependency, you self-admitted your drug use. You were recommended for administrative separation due to drug abuse, and you exercised your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 20 September 1985, the ADB voted to administratively separate you with a general discharge. On 28 November 1985, the recommendation was approved and you were separated with a general discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code due to your drug use.


The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as

your youth and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your 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