



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

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Docket No: 04189-10
14 January 2011



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 13 January 2011. 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 23 June 1980, and served without disciplinary incident until 17 April 1981, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for falling asleep on watch. Shortly thereafter, on 1 September 1982, you were convicted at a special court-martial (SPCM) of an unauthorized absence (UA) in excess of 180 days. Your sentence at the SPCM included a bad conduct discharge (BCD). After appellate review, on 18 May 1984, you were separated with a BCD and an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your claim that no serious charges were committed and that your other than honorable (OTH) discharge was unjust (Note: you actually received a BCD due to your conviction at a SPCM and not an OTH discharge). Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your

discharge because of your lengthy period of UA and prior 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