



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

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Docket No: 4687-10  
17 February 2011

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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 15 February 2011. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 19 May 1990 at age 17 and began a period of active duty on 25 June 1990. You served without disciplinary incident until 14 June 1993, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of marijuana. The punishment imposed was reduction to paygrade E-2, restriction and extra duty for 45 days, and a \$912 forfeiture of pay, which was suspended for six months.

Subsequently, on 21 June 1993, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After consulting with legal counsel, you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 22 July 1993 an ADB recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 25 August 1993 your commanding officer, in concurrence with the ADB, also recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 13 September 1993 the discharge authority approved these

recommendations and directed your commanding officer to issue you an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse, and on 1 October 1993, 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, post service conduct, and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertion that you could not deal with post combat stress and were not afforded any help or assistance with this problem. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your drug-related misconduct and disregard for the Navy's "Zero Tolerance" policy. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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