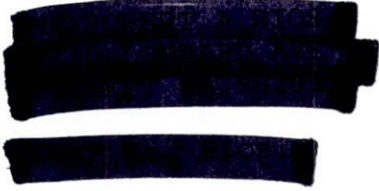




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 04861-10
3 March 2011



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 1 March 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 and began a period of active duty on 8 October 1985. The Board found that you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for forgery, larceny, and wrongful use of cocaine. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of drug abuse. You elected to consult counsel and have your case heard before an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 22 February 1989, the ADB recommended separation with an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. Your commanding officer concurred with the ADB's findings and forwarded his recommendation that you be separated from the service. On 22 April 1989, the separation authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. You were so discharged on 3 May 1989.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were

not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your three NJP's, one of which was for drug use. 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