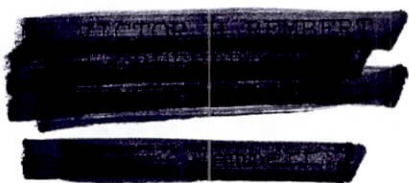




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 05119-10
10 February 2011



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 9 February 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 27 July 1982, and served honorably during two periods of service. On 4 January 1992, a medical evaluation was conducted and it was recommended that you receive inpatient alcohol treatment. On 15 January 1992, you were in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for one day. Upon your return, you provided a urine sample which tested positive for cocaine. On 25 February 1992, a medical evaluation was conducted for substance abuse, and you admitted to weekly use of cocaine. On 4 March 1992, a drug and alcohol abuse report stated that you were found not dependent and were recommended for administrative separation. However, on 27 April 1992, you were convicted by a summary court-martial (SCM) of larceny of nine Zenith video cassette recorders, and two microwave ovens valued at \$2,481. You were sentenced to reduction in pay grade to E-4. You were advised that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 1 June 1992, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable

conditions by reason of misconduct (commission of a serious offense). On 23 June 1992, the discharge authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct. On 30 July 1992, you were so discharged. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, conduct, and prior honorable service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your characterization of your discharge, given your record of wrongful drug use and one conviction by SCM of a serious offense. In addition, an RE-4 reentry code is required when an individual is discharged for misconduct and is not recommended for retention. The Board also noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. 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