



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

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Docket No: 8389-10
10 June 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 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 8 June 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 26 July 1982 at age 20. On 14 July 1982, you were granted a waiver for pre-service use of marijuana. On 3 August and 7 December 1983, you were counseled for being involved in incidents of possession or use of illegal drugs. On 13 December 1983, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of marijuana. On 14 December 1983, you were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 16 January 1984, the separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct (drug abuse). On 21 January 1984 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your drug related misconduct. Finally, the Board found 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