



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

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Docket No: 12395-10
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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 16 August 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.


You enlisted in the Navy and entered active duty on 21 March 1988. Your accession urinalysis at recruit training tested positive for the wrongful use of marijuana. You received nonjudicial punishment on three occasions for the wrongful use of cocaine and marijuana (four specifications). You also tested positive in urinalyses for the wrongful use of controlled substances five times in a one year period. You were medically evaluated as a drug abuser, but were found not to be dependent. You were then notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with

an other than honorable (OTH) conditions characterization of service due to misconduct (drug abuse - use). You waived your procedural right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 9 October 1991, you received an OTH conditions characterization of service discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse - use), and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reentry code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and current desire to upgrade your discharge. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed due to your numerous acts of drug abuse. The Board found that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded automatically due solely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. In view of the above, 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