

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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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 25 October 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 Navy and began a period of active duty on 23 April 2007. The Board found you were enrolled in and successfully completed a Level III alcohol rehabilitation program on 9 July 2008. On 3 December 2009, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for destruction of property and drunk and disorderly conduct while you were on liberty in Yokosuka, Japan. You received a reduction in paygrade and a forfeiture of pay. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of alcohol rehabilitation failure and commission of a serious offense. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). You received a general discharge on 5 March 2010. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4 reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to change your RE-4 reentry code.

Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change of your RE-4 reentry code given your NJP for serious offenses and failure to adhere to your command's alcohol rehabilitation program. Finally, the Board also noted that separation for misconduct normally takes precedence over all other reasons for discharge. In this regard, you were assigned the appropriate reentry code based on your circumstances. 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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