



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

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Docket No: 02730-11  
1 December 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 30 November 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 6 August 1987, at age 18. On 11 January 1989, you received nonjudicial punishments (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for 30 days, and missing ship's movement. On 4 May 1989, you received NJP for being UA for 87 days, and missing ship's movement. On 4 May 1989, you were advised that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (commission of a serious offense). You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 15 July 1989, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged with an OTH by reason of misconduct (commission of a serious offense). The discharge authority directed an OTH by reason of misconduct (commission of a serious offense). On 31 July 1989, you were so discharged. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, conduct, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the characterization of your discharge, given your record of two NJP's for misconduct. In this regard, an RE-4 reenlistment 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