



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4708-11  
17 February 2012

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 14 February 2012. 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 on 26 March 1982 at age 18 and began a period of active duty on 5 April 1982. About four months later, on 25 August 1982, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for disobedience and absence from your appointed place of duty. Shortly thereafter, on 4 November and again on 4 December 1982, you received NJP for two periods of absence from your appointed place of duty, disrespect, wrongful possession of marijuana, misbehavior as a sentinel, failure to go to your appointed place of duty, and dereliction of duty.

Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 4 January 1983, after waiving your procedural rights, your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 17 January 1983, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertion that you were told that you would be separated from the Navy under Project Upgrade. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct which resulted in three NJPs and included drug abuse. Finally, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself but waived your procedural right to legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board. 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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Executive Director