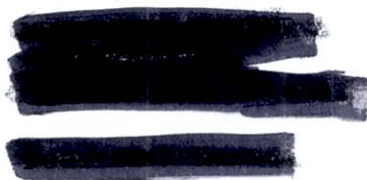




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 1485-12
27 November 2012



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 20 November 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 21 June 1989 and began a period of active duty on 4 October 1989. About six months later, on 12 April 1990, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a 17 day period of unauthorized absence (UA). Shortly thereafter, on 8 June 1990, you received NJP for two specifications of failure to obey a lawful order, specifically, underage drinking and wrongful entry, and absence from your appointed place of duty.

On 11 June 1992 you received NJP for wrongful use of marijuana. Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After waiving your procedural rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB), on 20 July 1990, your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 1 August 1992 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed your commanding officer to issue you an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct, and on 18 September 1992, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your drug and alcohol related offenses and other misconduct. Finally, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself, but waived your procedural right to present your case to an ADB. 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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