



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

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Docket No: 04115-13  
1 May 2014



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 April 2014. 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.

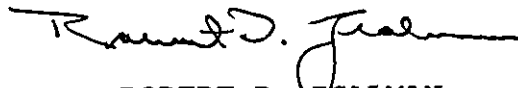
You enlisted in the Navy Reserve on 5 March 1985 and were recalled to active duty on 28 January 1986. The Board found that during your prior active duty for training, you were briefed on the Navy's policy regarding drug and alcohol abuse. On 6 October 1987, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful distribution of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) and marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana, and two instances of attempting to distribute LSD. You received restriction, extra duty, a reduction in paygrade, and a forfeiture of pay. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to wrongful drug use. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable

(OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct. On 25 October 1987, the separation authority concurred and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. You were so discharged on 3 November 1987.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your NJP for wrongful use and distribution of illegal drugs, and the fact that you were briefed on the Navy's policy regarding wrongful drug use. Finally, the Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance 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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Active Executive Director