



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 6715-13
6 August 2014

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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 5 August 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 and began a period of active duty on 6 January 1986. The Board found that you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for wrongful use of provoking speech and gestures, unauthorized absence, and wrongful use of marijuana. Additionally, you were counseled and warned after your second NJP, that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to wrongful drug use. You elected to consult counsel and have your case heard before an administrative discharge board (ADB).

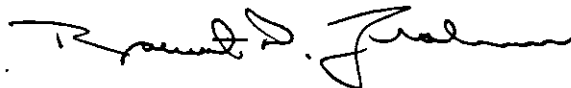
On 30 August 1989 the ADB recommended separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge by reason of misconduct due to wrongful drug use. On 17 September 1989, your commanding officer concurred with the ADB's findings and forwarded his

recommendation that you be discharged. On 6 October 1989, the separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 13 October 1989 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your 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 three NJP's, one of which was for wrongful drug use. 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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Acting Executive Director