



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001

TAL
Docket No: 8675-13
30 September 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 17 September 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 22 December 1981 at age 20. On 9 February 1983, you were convicted in civil court in Beaufort, North Carolina, of wrongfully driving a vehicle across a median. You were counseled regarding your misconduct and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. The sentence imposed was a fine and court costs totaling \$56.00. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on two occasions for two instances of wrongful use of marijuana and failure to obey a lawful order by driving with a revoked license. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). You elected to consult with legal counsel and subsequently requested an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 26 May 1983, an ADB found that you had committed misconduct

and recommended that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions due to drug abuse. On 24 September 1983, the separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 3 October 1983 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct. Accordingly, your application has been denied. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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,



ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director