



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 1624-14
12 March 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 24 February 2015. 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 and began a period of active duty on 21 August 1981. On 15 April 1982 and 27 October 1984, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for leaving your post and wrongful use of marijuana. You were placed in your commands urinalysis surveillance program, and on three occasions, tested positive for wrongful drug use. 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 8 June 1985, the ADB recommended separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 11 July 1985, your commanding officer concurred with the ADB's findings and forwarded his recommendation that you be

discharged. On 26 July 1985, the separation authority concurred and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct. You were so discharged on 8 August 1985.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, based on the information currently contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your discharge given your two NJPs, one of which was for wrongful drug use, and the fact that you tested positive for wrongful drug use on three occasions while in a drug surveillance program. 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 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



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Executive Director