



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

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Docket No: 7274-09  
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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 8 June 2010. 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 28 May 1980 at age 18. You served without disciplinary incident until 21 March 1982, when you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of two periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling 73 days and missing the movement of your ship. About four months later, on 14 July 1982, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a three day period of UA.

On 15 August 1983 you were again convicted by SCM of two periods of UA totalling 77 days and missing the movement of your ship. Shortly thereafter, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. After waiving your procedural rights to legal counsel and an administrative discharge board (ADB), your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. On 24 August 1983 the discharge authority

approved this recommendation and directed your commanding officer to discharge you under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 20 September 1983, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertion that your world was turned upside down due to deaths in your family and feeling lost and scared. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repeated misconduct which resulted in NJP and two SCMs. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you submitted none, to support your assertions. 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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Executive Director