



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

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Docket No: 7462-01  
7 February 2002

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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, 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 6 February 2002. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 13 October 1993 at age 21. A psychiatric evaluation, conducted on 11 May 1994, diagnosed you with alcohol dependence and recommended that you abstain from alcohol consumption. Subsequently, you received nonjudicial punishment on 13 May 1994 for an unauthorized absence and being drunk on duty.

On 29 June 1994 the commanding officer recommended that you be separated with an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. When informed of the recommendation, you elected to waive the right to an administrative discharge board. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and you were discharged with an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct on 19 August 1994. At that time you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

On 20 July 1997 the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) changed the characterization of your service to general. However, the

reason for separation was not changed.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your alcohol dependence and the nonjudicial punishment. The Board especially noted that most individuals discharged by reason of misconduct are separated under other than honorable conditions. Therefore, you were fortunate that NDRB upgraded your discharge to general.

Applicable regulations require the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to misconduct. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of your reenlistment code.

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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director