



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

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Docket No: 8675-07
27 October 2008



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 21 October 2008. 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 24 November 1981 at age 17. You served without disciplinary incident until 6 August 1982, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a four day period of unauthorized absence (UA) and were awarded restriction and extra duty for 30 days and a suspended forfeiture of pay. However, on 1 December 1982, the suspended forfeiture of pay was vacated due to your continued absence. On 9 December 1982 you received NJP for a two day period of UA. The punishment imposed was restriction and extra duty for 30 days, a \$150 forfeiture of pay, and reduction to paygrade E-1, which was suspended for 120 days.

On 12 February 1983 you received your third NJP for absence from your appointed place of duty, three specifications of disobedience, disrespect, and communicating a threat. The punishment imposed was restriction and extra duty for 45 days, reduction to paygrade E-1, and a \$500 forfeiture of pay. Shortly thereafter, on 23 February 1983, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. At that time you waived your

right to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 3 March 1983 your commanding officer recommended an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. On 7 April 1983 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed discharge under other than honorable conditions, and on 13 April 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 you were told that your discharge would be automatically upgraded six months after being discharged. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your repetitive misconduct which resulted in three NJPs. Finally, no discharge is ungraded due solely to the passage of time. 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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Executive Director