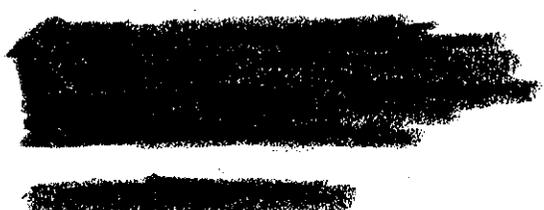




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 2227-09
27 January 2010



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 20 January 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 1 May 1987 at age 20 and began a period of active duty on 18 May 1987. You served for about two years and three months without disciplinary incident. However, on 20 August 1990, you were convicted by general court-martial (GCM) of four specifications of wrongful possession, introduction, distribution, and use of methamphetamines. You were sentenced to confinement for two years, forfeiture of all allowances and pay, reduction to paygrade E-1, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). Subsequently, the BCD was approved at all levels of review and on 1 May 1991, 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, post service conduct, and desire to upgrade your discharge so that you may obtain veterans' benefits.

Nevertheless, these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your repetitive drug related misconduct. Finally, no discharge is upgraded due solely to an individual's good post service conduct. 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