



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

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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 23 February 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 Reserve on 26 November 1991 at age 19 and began a period of active duty on 21 July 1992. You served without disciplinary incident until 27 May 1993, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful introduction and use of testosterone/anabolic steroid. The punishment imposed was a \$814 forfeiture of pay, restriction and extra duty for 45 days, and reduction to paygrade E-1.

On 28 May 1993 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. At that time you waived your right to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 30 May 1993 your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse as evidenced by conduct that was detrimental to good order and discipline. On 30 June 1993 the discharge

authority approved this recommendation and directed your commanding officer to issue you an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse, and on 21 July 1993, 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, desire to upgrade your discharge so that you may obtain employment as a peace officer, and the passage of time. The Board also considered your assertions that your offense of using steroids was based on the finding of an empty pill bottle with an Arabic label and that you were not given the results of your urine testing. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your drug related misconduct which resulted in NJP. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself, but waived your procedural right to present your case to an ADB. Also, there is documented evidence in the record that is contrary to your assertions. Finally, no discharge is upgraded due solely to the passage of time or 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