



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

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Docket No: 3328-09  
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the 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. 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 and began a period of active duty on 18 July 1985 at age 32. During the period from 2 June 1986 to 12 August 1988, you received five nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for four instances of disobedience, two instances of possession of cocaine, two instances of drunk and disorderly conduct, and three periods of unauthorized absence totaling six days. On 15 August 1988, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. After being advised of your procedural rights, you waived the right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority directed discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. You were so discharged on 27 September 1988.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and belief that your characterization of service would change after six months. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your

discharge because of the five NJP's, one of which was for drug possession. The Board also noted that you waived an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, you are advised that there is no provision in law or Navy regulations that allow for recharacterization of discharges automatically after six months or 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