



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

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Docket No: 3811-09  
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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 18 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 February 1986 at age 25. On 7 April 1988, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two instances of wrongful use of controlled substances, cocaine and marijuana. On 7 July 1989, you received NJP for the wrongful use of marijuana. On 16 August 1989, administrative discharge action was initiated to separate you by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. You elected to consult with legal counsel and subsequently requested an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 24 August 1989, an ADB unanimously found that you had committed misconduct and recommended that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions. Subsequently, on 14 September 1989, your commanding officer concurred with the ADB and forwarded your case to the discharge authority for review. On 2 November 1989, the separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 16 November 1989 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct. 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