



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

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Docket No: 4900-09
16 April 2010

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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 7 April 210. 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 6 September 2007 at age 19. On 14 November 2007, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey a regulation. On 19 March 2008, you received NJP for four instances of failure to obey a regulation, underage drinking and leaving the base in phase 1 liberty status. On 8 March 2008, you signed a page 13 declining any and all medical screening for alcohol and/or drug dependency by a medical officer. Due to your unwillingness to comply with Navy regulations you were recommended for administrative separation. On 31 March 2008, administrative discharge action was initiated to separate you by reason of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel or submit a statement. Based on the information currently contained in your record it appears that your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be separated with a general discharge by reason of misconduct. The record shows that on 16 April 2008, you were discharged with a general discharge. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

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 found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your reenlistment code given the seriousness of your misconduct. Finally, an RE-4 reenlistment code must be assigned to all Sailors discharged due to 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,


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Executive Director