



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

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Docket No: 10617-09
29 July 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, 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 27 July 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 23 March 1990 at age 20 and began a period of active duty on 1 November 1990. You served without disciplinary incident until 5 February 1992, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a six day period of unauthorized absence (UA). About seven months later, on 9 September 1992, you received NJP for wrongful use of marijuana. The punishment imposed was reduction to paygrade E-1, extra duty and restriction for 45 days, and a \$786 forfeiture of pay.

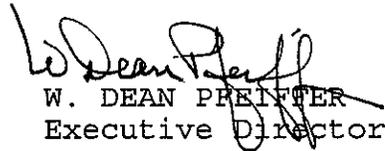
Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After waiving your procedural rights to consulting with legal counsel and present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB), your commanding officer recommended discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse as evidenced by violation of the Navy zero-tolerance policy. On 22 October 1992 the

discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed your commanding officer to discharge you under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse, and on 23 November 1992, 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 employment. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your drug related misconduct. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself and possibly obtain a better characterization of service, but waived your procedural right to an ADB. 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