



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

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Docket No: 13131-09
3 September 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 1 September 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 5 June 1997 at age 18. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on two occasions for failure to obey a lawful written order, four instances of unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit for 32 days and larceny. You were counseled regarding your misconduct and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. After your first NJP, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 20 March 1998 you were again UA from your unit. Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct. The separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. On 31 July 1998 you were discharged in absentia and 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 a change in your reenlistment code given the seriousness of your misconduct. An RE-4 reenlistment code must be assigned to all Sailors discharged due to misconduct. The Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board also noted that you are entitled to submit the attached Application for the Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 293) to the Naval Council of Personnel Review Boards, Attention: Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB), 720 Kennon Street SE, Room 309, Washington Navy Yard, Washington District of Columbia 20375-5023, for consideration of an upgrade of your discharge and change in your narrative reason for discharge.

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

Enclosure