



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

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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 13 October 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 18 July 1989. The Board found that you were counseled and warned on more than one occasion for writing checks with insufficient funds, property theft, excessive use of alcohol, and failure to pay debts and support payments. Additionally, you received nonjudicial punishment for four instances of unauthorized absence (UA). You received a reduction in paygrade, restriction, and extra duty. On 10 August 1992, you were convicted by a general court-martial (GCM) of 21 days of UA, which ended in your apprehension, and distribution of methamphetamine. You were sentenced to confinement, a forfeiture of pay, a reduction in paygrade, and a dishonorable discharge (DD). You received the DD on 20 November 1995 after appellate review was completed.

The Board, in its review of your record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant

recharacterization of your discharge given your NJP and GCM conviction for very serious misconduct. 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