



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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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. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. You entered active duty in the Navy on 13 August 1979. You received nonjudicial punishment for wrongful use of marijuana. During your rehabilitation urinalyses, you repeatedly tested positive for the wrongful use of marijuana. You were notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation due to misconduct (drug abuse - use). You requested an administrative discharge board (ADB), which found misconduct (drug abuse - use) and recommended a general discharge. The separation authority concurred with the

recommendations of the ADB. You were so discharged on 8 June 1984, and assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your current desire to reenlist in the armed forces. However, the Board concluded that neither your discharge nor your reenlistment code should be changed because of your drug abuse. The Board concluded that you were fortunate to receive a general characterization of service, because individuals who are separated for misconduct such as yours normally receive an other than honorable discharge. In view of the above, 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