



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, 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 19 January 2011. 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 19 March 1956 at age 17 and immediately began a period of active duty. You served for a year and four months without disciplinary incident, but on 22 July 1957, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for absence from your appointed place of duty, three specifications of disobedience, contempt, and disrespect. About six months later, on 30 January 1958, you received NJP for absence from your appointed place of duty and were awarded restriction for one week. On 9 December 1958 you received your third NJP for a one day period of unauthorized absence (UA). The punishment imposed was extra duty for six hours.

On 29 October 1959, while serving in paygrade E-3, you were released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserve under honorable conditions. On 18 March 1962, at the expiration of your enlistment, you were issued a general discharge certificate.

At the time of your release, character of service was based, in part, on conduct and overall trait averages which were computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct average was 2.93. An average of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your release for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade the characterization of your release from active duty and discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your separation because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct which resulted in three NJPs, and since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant a fully honorable characterization of service. Finally, Sailors with an extensive record of misconduct, such as yours, normally receive discharges under other than honorable conditions, and as such the Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general characterization of service. 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