



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4668-10
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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 15 February 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 June 1986 at age 19 and served without disciplinary incident until 28 August 1987, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for driving while under the influence of alcohol. On 19 October 1987 you received NJP for a 44 day period of unauthorized absence (UA).

On 3 May 1989 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 331 day period of UA and sentenced to confinement for 60 days and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). Subsequently, the BCD was approved at all levels of review and on 22 January 1990 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. Nevertheless, these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the

seriousness of your repetitive misconduct which included frequent and lengthy periods of UA from the Navy and resulted in two NJPs and a SPCM. 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