



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

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Docket No: 6717-10
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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 12 April 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 September 1979 at age 18 and immediately began a period of active duty. You served without disciplinary incident until 12 December 1980, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful appropriation of two cassette tapes. During the period from 28 April to 20 August 1981 you received NJP on three more occasions for two specifications of wrongful appropriation of an identification card and a security card and wrongful possession of marijuana. You were also in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for six days, however, no disciplinary action was taken for this misconduct. On 18 February 1982 you received your fourth NJP for disrespect and failure to obey a lawful order.

On 6 May 1983 you received NJP for a one day period of UA and were awarded a \$300 forfeiture of pay, reduction to paygrade E-2, and bread and water for three days. Subsequently, on 27 July 1983, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. At that time you

waived your right to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 19 August 1983 your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. On 27 August 1983 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 16 September 1983 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 and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your repetitive misconduct which resulted in five NJPs. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend your actions, but waived your procedural right to present your case to an ADB. 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