



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 8 March 2011. 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 26 December 1968. You received nonjudicial punishment for a five day period of unauthorized absence. You were convicted by civil authorities of drinking alcoholic beverages as a minor and wrongful possession of marijuana. You were notified that you were being processed for administrative separation due to misconduct (civil conviction). You elected to appear before a field board, which found that you committed misconduct (civil conviction) and recommended a general characterization of service. On 26 November 1969, you were discharged under

honorable conditions due to misconduct (civil conviction), 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 youth. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed due to your acts of misconduct and drug possession. The Board believed you were fortunate to receive a general discharge, since Sailors who are administratively separated for misconduct such as yours normally receive an other than honorable characterization of service. 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,


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Executive Director