



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

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Docket No: 10461-10
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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 13 September 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 27 August 1974 at age 17 and served without disciplinary infraction until 24 September 1975, when you began a four day period of unauthorized absence (UA) that was not terminated until 28 September 1975. Your record does not reflect the disciplinary action taken, if any, for this misconduct.

On 7 and 10 October 1975, after undergoing psychiatric evaluations for the foregoing period of UA, inaptitude, insomnia, and accident proneness, you were treated for depression and found to be unfit for submarine duty. The psychiatric report stated, in part, that you went UA due to a fear of wanting to hurt someone and/or destroy some equipment during moments of violence, had a history of medical problems, and were a significant medical and psychiatric risk. Presumably, you were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation. Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of

convenience of the government. The discharge authority directed discharge under honorable conditions, and on 19 December 1975, you were issued a general discharge.

The Board, in its review of your record, although incomplete, and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertions of being with the wrong crowd, smoking marijuana, and fear of being labeled a security risk and confinement. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge. 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