



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

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Docket No: 11053-10
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 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 2 November 2010. 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 24 May 1986. The Board found that you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for two periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totaling 22 days and two instances of absence from your appointed place of duty. Additionally, you were counseled and warned on more than one occasion that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. However, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of wrongful use of marijuana and convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of 24 days of UA and missing movement. Based on the information currently contained in your record, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. It appears you waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable

conditions by reason of misconduct. The separation authority concurred and directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You were so discharged on 25 June 1992.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service, and belief that your characterization of service would automatically change after six months. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your record of three NJP's, SCM conviction for drug abuse, conviction by SPCM for serious offenses, and the fact that you were counseled and warned of the consequences of further misconduct. Finally, the Board noted that it appears you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Accordingly, 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