



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

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Docket No: 11510-10  
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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 August 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 5 July 1990. The Board found that you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for five instances of unauthorized absence (UA), five instances of disobedience, two instances of dereliction of duty, and absence from your appointed place of duty. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. After being advised of your procedural rights, you waived the right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded and the separation authority directed discharge under honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. You were so discharged on 7 March 1993. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your discharge given your three NJP's for serious offenses. The Board also noted that you waived an ADB, your best chance for retention

or a better characterization of service. With regard to your reenlistment code, the Board found no factors to warrant a change, because it was based on your disciplinary record and substandard behavior. In this regard, an RE-4 reenlistment code is required when a Sailor is discharged due to misconduct. Finally, the Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge since a discharge under other than honorable conditions is often directed when an individual is discharged for misconduct. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director