



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

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Docket No: 00073-11
29 September 2011

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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 28 September 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 2 August 1979. On 11 December 1979, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being absent from your appointed place of duty, and being drunk and disorderly. On 9 January 1981, you received NJP for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for five days. On 16 July 1981, you received NJP for being absent from your appointed place of duty. On 11 June 1981, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of being UA for 28 days. You were sentenced to reduction in pay grade, and confinement at hard labor for 30 days. You were notified that administrative discharge procedures were initiated, and that you would receive an honorable discharge and a reenlistment code of RE-4 upon your separation. Your commanding officer recommended you for an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government. The discharge authority directed an honorable discharge. You were so discharged on 7 August 1981.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your narrative reason for separation, given your record of three NJP's and one conviction by SPCM of misconduct. The Board also noted that you were fortunate to receive an honorable discharge and a convenience of the government reason for separation since a separation under other than honorable conditions due to misconduct is often directed when an individual is found to have committed offenses. 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