



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No: 02196-11
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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 5 January 2012. 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 active duty on 14 February 1972. On 9 October 1972, you were arrested by civil authorities for possession of marijuana. On 30 November 1972, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for eight days of unauthorized absence (UA). On 20 December 1972 and 1 March 1973, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of seven days of UA, and three specifications of disobedience. As a result of your last SCM, you received confinement at hard labor and a forfeiture of pay. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. After being advised of your procedural rights, you waived the right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority directed discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. You were so discharged on 6 June 1973.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your discharge due to your misconduct that resulted in civil charges involving drugs, NJP, and two SCM convictions for serious offenses. The Board also noted that you waived an ADB, your best chance 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