



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 02748-11
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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 18 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 Navy and began a period of active duty on 30 May 1980, at the age of 25. On 8 May 1981, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to go to your appointed place of duty. On 5 June 1981, you received NJP for wrongful use of provoking words. On 2 September 1981, you received NJP for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for one day and missing your ship's movement. On 8 March 1982, you received NJP for being disrespectful toward a superior. On 1 June 1982, you received NJP for being UA for two days, and two incidents of writing worthless checks to fellow Sailors. On 13 August 1982, you received NJP for two incidents of being UA and two incidents of disobeying a direct order. On 18 March 1983, you received NJP for being UA for three days, forgery of a chief petty officer's initials on a special request chit, six incidents of forgery with intent to defraud by writing six worthless checks

valued at \$550, and attempting to cash a worthless check in the amount of \$100. On 4 April 1983, you were advised that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 23 April 1983, the discharge authority directed the OTH discharge by reason of misconduct. On 5 May 1983, you were so discharged. 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, conduct, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your characterization of service, given your record of seven NJP's for misconduct. In this regard, an RE-4 reenlistment code is required when an individual is discharged for misconduct and is not recommended for retention. The Board noted that you waived your 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