



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 3316-11
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 on 1 September 1976 at age 20 and began a period of active duty. You served for about four years and eight months without disciplinary incident. However, during the period from 26 May 1981 to 4 June 1982 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on nine occasions. Your offenses were drunk and disorderly conduct, disobedience, failure to go to your appointed place of duty, three specifications of failure to obey a lawful order, missing the movement of your ship, and six periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling 26 days.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation processing by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military and civilian authorities. After consulting with legal counsel you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 22 July 1982 an ADB recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. On 13 September 1982 your commanding officer also recommended

discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. On 15 September 1982 the discharge authority approved these recommendations and directed your commanding officer to issue you an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct, and on 17 September 1982, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, post service conduct and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertion of being falsely accused of looking in a window. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct which resulted in nine NJPs. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you provided none, to support your assertion of being falsely accused of an offense. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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