



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4210-11
10 February 2012



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 7 February 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 8 August 1988 at age 24 and began a period of active duty. You served without disciplinary incident until 25 February 1992, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of cocaine and a four day period of unauthorized absence (UA). The punishment imposed was a \$1,002 forfeiture of pay, restriction and extra duty for 60 days, and reduction to paygrade E-3.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After consulting with legal counsel you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 24 April 1992 an ADB recommended separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 19 May 1992 your commanding officer, in concurrence with the ADB, also recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 16 June 1992 the

discharge authority approved these recommendations and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct and on 3 July 1992 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge so that you may obtain veterans' benefits and assertion that your discharge was the result of an isolated incident. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your drug related misconduct which was contrary to the Navy's "zero tolerance" policy. 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