



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 00255-12  
27 September 2012



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 26 September 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 on 15 January 1991, at age 22. You served honorably for over four years. On 21 September 1995, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for uttering worthless checks. On 26 September 1995, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. You requested to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 13 November 1995, an ADB was conducted and recommended that you receive a general characterization of service discharge due to misconduct and your failure to correct your financial situation. Your commanding officer agreed with the ADB and forwarded his recommendation that you receive a general discharge. The discharge authority directed a general discharge by reason of misconduct. On 9 January 1996, you were so discharged. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the characterization of service, given your record of a NJP for misconduct. In this regard, an RE-4 reentry code is required when an individual has committed misconduct and is not recommended for retention. The Board believed you were fortunate to have received a general discharge considering the misconduct you committed. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director