



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 00310-12
15 October 2012

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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 3 October 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.

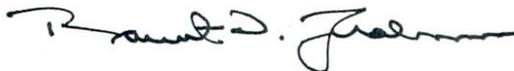
You enlisted in the Navy on 14 August 2006, at age 20. On 16 October 2007, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for misbehavior as a sentinel (sleeping on watch). On 6 December 2007, you received NJP for assault. On 7 January 2008, you received NJP for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status. On 5 February 2008, you received NJP for wrongfully using provoking gestures. On 5 February 2008, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct (minor infractions). You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 6 February 2008, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions (OTH) by reason of misconduct (minor infractions). The discharge authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct (minor

infractions). On 7 April 2008, you received your OTH characterization of service due to misconduct (minor infractions).

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 found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your record of four NJP's for misconduct. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a more favorable 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