



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 01151-12
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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 28 November 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 reenlisted in the Navy on 9 April 1982, after serving over four years of honorable service. On 29 January 1981, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for four days. On 15 August 1986, you received NJP for wrongful use of cocaine. On 3 September 1986, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct for drug abuse (use). You elected to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 18 November 1986, your case was heard by the ADB, and by a unanimous vote of 3-0 it recommended that you be administratively discharged with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge. On 3 December 1986, your commanding officer agreed with the ADB's recommendation and forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under OTH conditions by reason of misconduct (drug abuse). On 15 March 1987, the discharge

authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct for drug abuse (use). On 3 April 1987, you received the OTH discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse (use)). 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 prior honorable service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your record of two NJP's for misconduct and drug abuse (use). 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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Head, Discharge Section