



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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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 26 February 2013. 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 Marine Corps on 4 October 1983, and served without disciplinary incident, until 17 September 1985, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of a controlled substance (marijuana). Shortly thereafter, on 25 September 1985, you received another NJP for a general order violation. You were recommended for separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. You exercised your right to consult with counsel and an administrative discharge board (ADB). The ADB voted to separate you with a general discharge. The separation authority approved the recommendation and on 10 June 1986, you were separated with a general discharge due to misconduct and an RE-4B (in service drug abuse) reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth. However, the Board concluded these factors were insufficient to warrant changing your characterization of service because of the seriousness of your offenses. 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