



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 04345-12
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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 19 March 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.

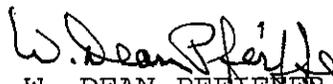
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 25 April 1989. The Board found that on 26 April 1989, you were briefed on the Navy's policy on drug and alcohol abuse. On 28 February 1990, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two instances of being absent from your appointed place of duty. You were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. During the period from 4 May 1990 to 4 March 1993, you received four NJP's for being absent from your appointed place of duty, four periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totaling 31 days, wrongful use of amphetamines/methamphetamines, and three instances of missing ship's movement. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 18 March 1993, you received a sixth NJP for wrongful use of marijuana. On 20 March 1993, your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than

honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct. The separation authority concurred and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You were so discharged on 25 March 1993.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your six NJP's, one of which was for wrongful drug use, and the fact that you were warned of the consequences of further misconduct after your first NJP. The Board also noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better 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