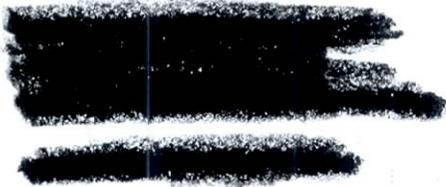




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 00458-13
23 October 2013



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 22 October 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 31 May 1996. The Board found that on 2 May 1997, you were convicted by civil authorities of driving under the influence of alcohol. You received a fine and your license was restricted. Additionally, you were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. On 4 June 1997 and 29 October 1998, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for insubordination, two instances of disobedience, and two periods of unauthorized absence totaling four days. 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 4 November 1998, your commanding officer directed that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct. You were so discharged on 24 November 1998.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the

Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your civil conviction, two NJP's, and the fact that you were warned of the consequences of further misconduct. 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