



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 8117-14
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Dear **5 U.S.C. 552(b) (6)**

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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 22 July 2015. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 13 June 1989. You served for about one year and six months without disciplinary incident, but on 3 January 1991 and 7 February 1991, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for seven specifications of unauthorized absence, dereliction in duty, wrongful overindulgence in intoxicating liquor and unlawfully operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

On 3 January 1992, you were established as non-amenable to treatment by not satisfactorily completing aftercare. On 7 January 1992, you signed an acknowledgement statement refusing to partake in or participate in any levels of treatment offered to you.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of alcohol abuse - rehabilitation failure, at which time you waived your procedural rights. Your commanding officer directed separation under honorable conditions by reason of alcohol abuse - rehabilitation failure, and on 15 January 1992, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to have your discharge upgraded and your assertion that your discharge should have automatically changed after six months. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant an upgrade of your discharge given your misconduct and failure to complete the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Program. With regard to your assertion, you are advised that there is no provision in law or regulations that allows for recharacterization due solely to the passage of time. In this regard, the Board concluded the seriousness of your repeated misconduct and failure to complete the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Program outweighed your desire to upgrade your discharge. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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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