



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 9134-14
30 July 2015

Dear

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. The application was filed in a timely manner.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 8 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 9 June 2009. You served for nine months without disciplinary incident, but on 17 March 2010, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a period of unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit, totaling 115 days.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense at which time you waived your procedural rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer

recommended discharge under other than honorable condition by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 9 April 2010, you were so discharged and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in a period of UA lasting over three months and a non-recommendation for reenlistment which was sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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,

5 U.S.C. 552(b) (6)

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Executive Director