



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 8224-14
10 August 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.

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 4 August 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 reenlisted in the Navy on 28 June 1985 after serving over three years of satisfactory service. On 11 June 1986, you received a nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for unauthorized absence totaling six days and wrongful use of marijuana. Subsequently, your commanding officer initiated administrative discharge action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. You waived your rights to consult with counsel and an administrative discharge board. On 23 June 1986, the commanding officer

recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. The separation authority approved your discharge and you were so discharged under other than honorable conditions on 11 July 1986.

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 and your assertion that your discharge was improper because your earlier service history was used against you. Nevertheless, the Board concluded this factor was not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your misconduct, to include drug abuse. Concerning your assertion that you were discharged due to your earlier service history, there is no indication in the record that this was the case; you were discharged for violating the Navy's drug policy when you illegally used marijuana. The Board concluded the severity of your drug related misconduct 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,

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

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director