



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

TAL  
Docket No: 191-14  
5 December 2014

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 19 November 2014. 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 the 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 January 1988. You served for three years and four months without disciplinary incident, but on 15 May 1991, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of cocaine.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse at which time you elected to consult with legal counsel and requested an administrative discharge board (ADB). The ADB found that you had committed misconduct and recommended that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions due to drug abuse. Your commanding officer concurred with the ADB and recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. The discharge authority approved the recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 15 August 1991, 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 upgrade your discharge and assertion that your prescribed pain medication caused the positive drug test results. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case because of the seriousness of your misconduct. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you provided none, to support your assertion. 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,



ROBERT J. O'NEILL  
Executive Director