



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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JDR
Docket No: 3843-14
7 April 2015

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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 31 March 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, began a period of active duty on 2 July 1980, and satisfactorily served for about two years and four months without incident. During the period from 8 December 1982 to 7 September 1983, you tested positive for drug use on four occasions. On 13 January 1983, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for willful disobedience of a superior commissioned officer.

Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After consulting with

legal counsel, you elected your procedural right to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The ADB determined that you had committed misconduct and recommended an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. However, the discharge authority directed a discharge under honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse, and on 6 January 1984, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your post service conduct. Nevertheless, based on the information currently contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your misconduct which resulted in NJP. The Board believed that considerable clemency was extended to you considering you failed multiple drug-use tests without punitive action and were awarded a general discharge under honorable conditions. 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