

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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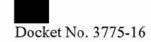
Dear

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 23 February 2017. 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.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 31 August 1999. On 26 July 2000, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) Article 112a, wrongfully using a prohibited substance (marijuana). The Board noted that on 25 October 2000 an Administrative Discharge Board was held. The ADB unanimously found that you committed misconduct due to drug abuse and recommended that you be discharged with a General under Honorable conditions characterization of service. Thereafter, the separation authority directed a General under Honorable conditions discharge due to misconduct. On 18 November 2000, you were discharged with a General under Honorable conditions characterization of service.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board, in its review of your record, and application with supporting documentation, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your character of service and rationale for your misconduct. The Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case, because no error or injustice was identified in its review of your record. 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 evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board. 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,