



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4368-16

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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 22 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 24 November 1993. You served for about a year and three months without disciplinary incident, but during the period from 1 March 1995 to 22 June 1995, you received nonjudicial punishment and were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM). Your offenses were unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit for a period of 24 days, missing ship's movement, assault and willful disobedience toward a superior noncommissioned officer.

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 present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions 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 1 September 1995, you were so discharged.

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. The

Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your post service conduct and that you feel since it's been over 20 years you deserve to have your discharge upgraded. The Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case because of the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in an NJP and an SCM. 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. 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,



Executive Director