

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 7246-16 NOV 2 8 2017



Dear

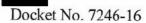
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

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 28 August 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 15 October 1990. On 15 October 1991, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for unauthorized absence (UA) for a period of less than 24 hours. On 8 July 1992, you received an NJP for larceny. On 1 March 1993, you once again received an NJP for being UA for a period less than 24 hours and being incapacitated for duty due to overindulgence of intoxicating liquor. As a result of the foregoing, administrative discharge action was initiated. The separation authority directed that you be separated with an other than honorable (OTH) characterization of service by reason of pattern of misconduct. On 29 March 1993, you were discharged with an OTH 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 carefully weighed your desire to upgrade your character of service and your contention that you served over 75% of the time you enlisted for. The Board noted that you had three NJP's including one for larceny. Your repeated 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 at this time. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the 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