



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

Docket No. 7265-16
MAR 12 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of 10 USC 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 5 January 2017. 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. The advisory opinion provided in HQMC memo 5420 MMEA dated 18 October 2016 was sent to you on 7 November 2016 for an opportunity to comment prior to being considered by the Board. A copy of this advisory opinion is again enclosed. After the 30 day period for comment expired without a response, the case was presented to the Board.

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. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Upon discharge, you were assigned a General characterization of service and given a "HHJ4" separation code to indicate involuntary discharge in lieu of further proceedings or convening of a board for failure to perform duties and assignments satisfactorily. A separation code of "HHJ4" does not authorize involuntary separation pay and the Board did not feel that your record warranted a change to your assigned separation code. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.


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 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 this 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,

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Executive Director

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