



The Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors in your case, including your desire to upgrade your discharge. The Board considered your assertion that you are receiving treatment and you have suffered for the past 30 years from drug/alcohol abuse and addiction.

After careful consideration, the Board did not find evidence of an error or injustice that warrants upgrading your characterization of service or sufficient evidence to warrant clemency. Even under the liberal consideration standard, the Board found your misconduct warranted an OTH characterization of service.

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 matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or 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,

12/10/2020

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Executive Director

Signed by: █