



On 8 February 1992, your commanding officer recommended an other than honorable (OTH) discharge characterization of service by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 21 February 1992, the discharge authority approved and ordered an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 5 March 1992, you were discharged.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case in accordance with the Wilkie Memo. These included, but were not limited to, your contentions that: (a) your discharge characterization of service was unjust; (b) you occasionally stayed off-base at an apartment where other sailors were caught doing drugs; (c) you were there drinking and were “guilty by association;” (d) there were no witnesses or proof that you were doing drugs; you went through with being discharged simply because you were not happy with your job; and you were young and incapable of realizing how your decisions would affect you today. Based upon this review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board determined that your repeated misconduct, as evidenced by your NJPs, outweighed these mitigating factors. The Board noted you did not submit any documentation or advocacy letters to be considered. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the 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,

1/14/2022

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Executive Director

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