



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 5437-01  
8 November 2001

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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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 6 November 2001. 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.

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.

You enlisted in the Navy on 11 July 1980 at age 18. After completing initial training, on 23 January 1981, you reported to your first duty station. On 27 March and 2 May 1981 you received nonjudicial punishment for two periods of unauthorized absence totaling about 17 days and missing ship's movement.

Your record is incomplete in that much of the supporting documentation concerning your discharge processing is not filed in the record. The available documentation shows that you were processed for separation by reason of convenience of the government and did not object to that separation. On 28 June 1981 you were issued a general discharge by reason of convenience of the government.

Character of service is based, in part, on conduct and overall trait averages which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct and overall trait averages were 2.7 and 2.97, respectively. A minimum average mark of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of service.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and contentions that severe personal problems led to your inability to adapt to the Navy. The Board found that these factors and contentions were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your disciplinary record and failure to achieve the required average mark in conduct. The Board concluded that the general discharge was proper as issued and no change is warranted.

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 and material evidence or other matter 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,

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Executive Director