



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

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Docket No: 11779-08
29 October 2009

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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 15 October 2009. 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 2 October 1985, at age 18. During the period from 30 December 1985 to 30 December 1988, you received six nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for four occurrences of assault, drunkenness, incapacitation for the performance of duty, fighting and two occurrences of unauthorized absence (UA). You were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action.

On 31 December 1988, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct. Your case was heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB), which voted three to zero in favor of an under other than honorable discharge. Your commanding officer concurred with the ADB's recommendation and forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. On 31 March 1989, you were so discharged. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the reason or characterization of your discharge given your record of six NJP's, and the fact that you were counseled and warned of the consequences of further misconduct. An RE-4 reenlistment code is required when an individual is discharged due to a pattern of misconduct. 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