



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

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Docket No: 13351-09
16 September 2010

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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 September 2010. 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 28 September 2005, at age 19. On 7 April 2005, you completed your physical at the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) and claimed that you had never experimented with any illegal drugs. You were counseled for a family crisis and at that time you disclosed the fact that you had experimented with drugs and marijuana prior to your enlistment. However, you failed to disclose this important information during your enlistment physical. It was determined that your lack of properly disclosing information warranted assigning a reenlistment code of RE-4 for fraudulent entry into the military. On 5 January 2007, you were discharged with a general discharge from active duty due to fraudulent entry.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the characterization of service or reenlistment code, which was based on your fraudulent entry. In this regard, an RE-4 reenlistment code is appropriately assigned when an individual is discharged for fraudulent entry and is not recommended for retention.

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