



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 06198-11
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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 21 March 2012. 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 21 October 1986, at age 17. On 8 December 1987, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being disrespectful in language, and being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for two and one half hours. On 20 January 1988, you received NJP for failure to obey a lawful order by having alcohol in the barracks. On 9 May 1988, you received NJP for willfully disobeying an order, and being UA for 45 minutes. On 3 August 1988, you were convicted by a general court-martial (GCM) of conspiring to distribute cocaine, wrongfully distributing cocaine, and wrongfully distributing methamphetamine. You were sentenced to forfeitures of all pay and allowances, confinement for three years, and a dishonorable discharge (DD). The discharge authority directed the execution of your DD. On 5 April 1990, after appellate review, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your record of three NJP's, and conviction by GCM of very serious offenses. 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