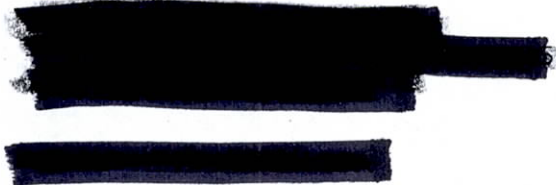




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 00299-12
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10, 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 26 September 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 January 1999, at age 21. You served honorably for more than four years. On 11 June 2003, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being absent from your appointed place of duty on two occasions. On 17 June 2003, you received NJP for failure to obey a lawful order, and failure to go to your appointed place of duty. On 24 June 2003, you were notified that administrative discharge procedures were initiated and that you would receive a general discharge due to misconduct upon your separation. The discharge authority directed a general discharge. You were so discharged on 7 November 2003.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as record of service. However, the Board found that these factors

were not sufficient to warrant removing either of your NJP's. The Board further found that your command had authority to award NJP, and that they are both procedurally correct. The Board also noted that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge since a separation under other than honorable conditions is often directed when an individual is found to have committed 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director