



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 05740-12  
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 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 20 February 2013. 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 13 May 1991. The Board found that on 15 May 1991, you were briefed on the Navy's policy on drug and alcohol abuse. During the period from 10 October 1991 to 24 June 1992, you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for unauthorized absence, disobedience, underage drinking, exposing yourself in an indecent manner, being incapacitated for the proper performance of duty, and failure to go to your appointed place of duty. Additionally, you were counseled and warned after your first NJP, that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 29 June 1992, your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct. On 5 August 1992, you received a fourth NJP for nine instances of failing to go to your appointed place of duty. On 25 August 1992, the separation authority concurred and

directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You were so discharged on 4 September 1992.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to change your characterization of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your four NJP's, three of which were after you were warned of the consequences of further misconduct. The Board also noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better characterization of service. 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