



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

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Docket No: 4276-13  
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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 26 March 2014. 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.

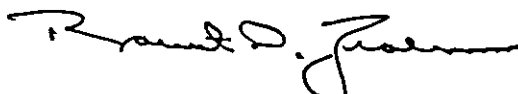
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 27 September 1990 at age 20. On 15 August 1992, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey a general regulation. On 22 August 1992, you were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. You waived all of your rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 1 September you were in an unauthorized absence (UA) status from your unit until 19 July 1993, a period of 321 days. On 20 July 1993, you were again UA from your unit until 29 September 1997, a period of 1,414 days. The separation authority approved and directed an OTH discharge and on 22 October 1997 you received it by reason of misconduct.

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 recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in an NJP and periods of UA totaling over five years. The Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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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Acting Executive Director