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Docket No: 5242-13
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 14 May 2014. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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.

Prior to your entry into the Navy, you signed an enlistment contract to attend the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Program. As such you agreed to enlist in the Navy Reserve for a period of eight years and complete eight weeks of basic military training prior to enrollment in the BOOST Program. You were advised and acknowledged that failure to complete BOOST for any reason, other than misconduct, could result in discharge and that if disenrollment from it was due to misconduct, disposition would be determined by a discharge authority.

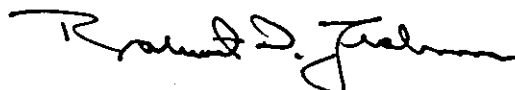
Subsequently, you enlisted in the Navy Reserve and enrolled in the BOOST Program on 11 May 1989. You served without disciplinary incident until 12 January 1990, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two periods of absence from your appointed place of duty and were awarded a \$728 forfeiture of pay, restriction and extra duty for 30 days, and formal counselling.

It appears that in January 1990, as a result of the foregoing, you were disenrolled from BOOST. In this regard, you were administratively processed for separation by reason of disenrollment from BOOST as evidenced by your failure to successfully complete it. On 3 February 1990 the discharge authority directed discharge under honorable conditions and on 26 February 1990, you were issued a general discharge and assigned an RE-3K reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade the characterization of your discharge and change the narrative reason for separation. It also considered your letter of explanation regarding your request for a hardship discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge or a change in your narrative reason for separation because of your failure to successfully complete the BOOST Program. Finally, in the absence of any evidence that your failure to complete the BOOST Program was in error, the Board concluded that sufficient evidence existed to support the discharge authority's decision. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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