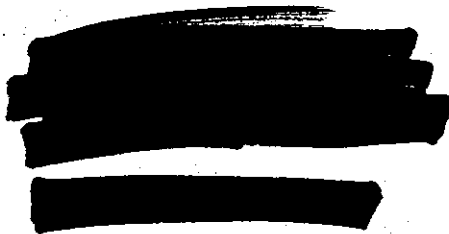




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 8412-13
26 February 2014



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 5 February 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.

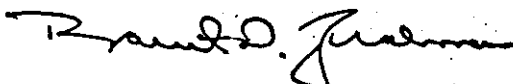
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 17 December 2007 at age 20. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on three occasions for two instances of failure to obey a lawful order and drunken operation of a vehicle. On 10 March 2009, you were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with a general discharge due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your right to consult with a qualified counsel and submit a written statement. On 25 March 2009, you were discharged with a general characterization of service, and an RE-4 (not recommended for reenlistment) reentry code.

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 a change in your

characterization or reentry code given the seriousness of your misconduct. The Board also believed that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge since a discharge under other than honorable conditions is often directed when a Sailor is separated for 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,



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Acting Executive Director