



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 11455-14
10 December 2015

5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)

Dear 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6):

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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 November 2015. 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 enlistment you were granted a waiver for pre-service drug use. You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 9 June 1980. You served for seven months without disciplinary incident, but during the period from 26 January 1981 to 8 March 1983, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on three occasions. Your offenses were unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit, and wrongful use of marijuana. You were placed on the urinalysis screening program, you tested positive for wrongful use of marijuana on four additional occasions.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse at which time you waived your procedural rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ABD). Your commanding officer recommended discharge under other honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug

abuse. On 12 April 1983, you received NJP for wrongful use of marijuana. The discharge authority approved your commanding officer's recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 16 May 1983, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge and assertion that the drug test was experimental and inaccurate. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case because of the seriousness of your repeated misconduct that resulted in four NJP's and wrongful drug use in light of the Navy's policy of "zero tolerance." Further, you were given an opportunity to defend your actions, but waived your procedural rights. Regarding your assertion, the Board noted that there is no evidence in your record, and you submitted none, to support your assertion of experimental or inaccurate drug testing. 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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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,

5 U.S.C. 552(b) (6)

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