



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

Docket No: 3846-16
MAY 24 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

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 1 February 2017. 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.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 25 March 1974. You served for nine months without disciplinary incident, but during the period from 2 December 1974 to 6 February 1975, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on two occasions. Your offenses were unauthorized absence from your unit, three instances of failure to go to your appointed place of duty, and using disrespectful language toward a senior noncommissioned officer. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of unsuitability at which time you waived your procedural rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer recommended discharge under honorable conditions by reason of unsuitability. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under honorable conditions by reason of unsuitability and on 28 February 1975, you were so discharged.

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. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your claim that you were so young and immature and didn't realize the consequences of a general discharge. 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 two NJPs. In regard to our claim that your misconduct was the result of your youth and

immaturity, the Board felt that your record clearly reflected your willful misconduct and demonstrated you were unfit for further service. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken at this time. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the submission of new and material evidence. New evidence is evidence 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