



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

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Docket No: 7366-16  
DEC 11 2017

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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 23 October 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

You enlisted in the Navy Reserves on 26 November 1988, and accrued nearly eight months of inactive service credit. You reported to Naval Dental Center [REDACTED] on 17 November 1993, and began a period of active duty on 1 December 1993. On 17 April 1997, you reported to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Your final evaluation for duty onboard the [REDACTED] for the period ending 25 August 1998, reflects that you exhibited poor attention to detail, prioritization of self, and general disrespect. Your administrative service record indicates that you refused to sign the evaluation. You reported to [REDACTED] on 30 September 1998, and began a period of unauthorized absence (UA) on 13 February 1999. The UA ended on 13 June 2000, and administrative separation proceedings were initiated against you. Your available service record does not contain your complete administrative separation package, but does indicate you completed a pre-separation checklist on 21 August 2000. You were discharged from the Navy on 12 September 2000, with an other than honorable characterization of service in lieu of trial by court martial.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material or injustice. The Board considered your request for an upgrade to your characterization of service from other than

honorable to general. When making its determination, the Board noted your post-service accomplishments and your desire to upgrade your characterization of service for eligibility for a college fellowship.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors such as your desire to seek further educational opportunities. The Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the length of your UA and your performance as reflected by your evaluation for your final period of duty onboard the [REDACTED]. The Board concluded that your other than honorable administrative separation was issued without error or injustice. 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