



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 4688-10
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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 15 February 2011. 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.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 24 April 1963 at age 17 and served without disciplinary incident until 6 August 1963, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for damaging government property, specifically, a cup cart. The punishment imposed was a \$10 forfeiture of pay.

On 23 January and again on 13 April 1964 you received NJP for conduct unbecoming and misbehavior as a sentinel. Shortly thereafter, on 28 May 1964, you were referred for a medical evaluation due to your anxiety reaction as evidenced by your statement that you had feelings of wanting to "blow up and attack someone, being bothered by the stupid actions of men around you, and being in a constant state of anger." You were diagnosed with an aggressive type emotionally unstable personality and recommended for an administrative separation. Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of unsuitability. The discharge authority directed separation under honorable conditions by reason of unsuitability and on 19 June 1964, you were issued a general discharge.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge so that you may obtain assistance for a service-connected disability. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct, inability to adjust to military life, and diagnosed unstable personality. 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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Executive Director