



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 2583-13
4 February 2014

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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 4 February 2014. 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 and began a period of active duty on 6 July 1992. You served for more than three years without disciplinary incident, but on 10 October 1995, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of wrongful use of marijuana during the period from April to June 1995. You were sentenced to restriction for 60 days, a \$1,000 forfeiture of pay, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). Subsequently, the BCD was approved at all levels of review, and on 19 December 1996 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your post service conduct, desire to upgrade your discharge, and assertion that you believe that you were in a "Catch 22" situation. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your drug related misconduct. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you provided none, to support your assertion. 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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Acting Executive Director