



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

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Docket No: 03643-13  
24 April 2014



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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 22 April 2014. 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.

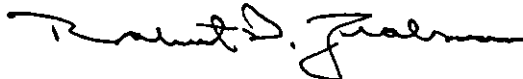
On 22 February 1984, you reenlisted in the Navy after serving over two years of honorable service. The Board found that on 4 August 1986, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for four instances of unauthorized absence (UA). You received restriction, extra duty, a reduction in paygrade and a suspended forfeiture of pay. Additionally, you were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. During the period from 5 January to 3 September 1987, you received three additional NJP's for four periods of UA totaling 40 days and missing ship's movement. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 14 September 1987, your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by

reason of misconduct. The separation authority concurred and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You were so discharged on 23 October 1987.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your prior honorable service and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your four NJP's, three of which were after you were warned of the consequences of further misconduct. The Board also noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better characterization of service. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

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