



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 3838-13  
6 March 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 of the United States Code, section 1552.

The Board did not consider your request for a Vietnam Campaign Medal as you have not exhausted your administrative remedy of applying to Headquarters Marine Corps for it. Please send your request to the following address:

Headquarters Marine Corps (Code MMMA-3)  
3280 Russell Road  
Quantico, Virginia 22134

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 5 March 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.

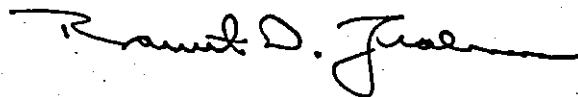
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered active duty on 9 July 1969. You received nonjudicial punishment on two occasions for disobeying a lawful order and unauthorized absence. You completed your active obligated service and were transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve with a type warranted by service record characterization. On 9 July 1971, you received a general characterization of service, and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code. You were honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Reserve on 8 July 1975.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, Vietnam service, and current desire to upgrade your discharge. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed because of your misconduct. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded due merely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. In view of the above, 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,



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Acting Executive Director