



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4756-13
29 April 2014

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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, 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 April 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.

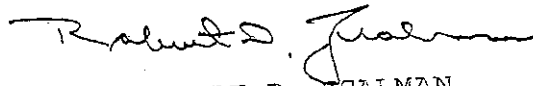
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 8 January 1981. You served for about a year and nine months without disciplinary incident, but on 13 October 1983 and again on 7 March 1985, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a four day period of unauthorized absence (UA), two periods of absence from your appointed place of duty, and 23 specifications of failure to go to your appointed place of duty.

Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. After waiving your procedural rights, on 3 May 1985, your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. On 10 May 1985 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 15 May 1985 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge, post service conduct, and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend your actions, but waived your procedural right. Finally, no discharge is automatically upgraded due solely to the passage of time or an individual's good post service conduct. 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