



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

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Docket No: 5008-13
30 April 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 23 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 17 August 1978. You served without incident until 11 January 1979, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a 35 day period of unauthorized absence (UA).

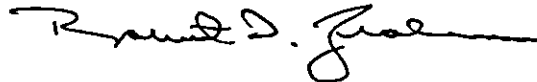
On 21 May 1982 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 1,012 day period of UA and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for four months, an \$800 forfeiture of pay, reduction to paygrade E-1, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The BCD was subsequently approved at all levels of review, and on 13 June 1983, 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 and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge

because of the seriousness of your repetitive and lengthy periods of UA. Further, no discharge is automatically upgraded due solely to an individual's good post service conduct or the passage of time. 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