



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 5753-13  
31 October 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 of the United States Code, section 1552.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 28 October 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 8 December 1986. On 13 August 1987, you were diagnosed with a personality disorder. You were counseled regarding your medical condition and subsequently notified of pending administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. After being afforded all of your procedural rights, the separation authority directed that you receive a general discharge. You were so discharged on 17 November 1987. On 21 December 1988, the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) recommended that your characterization of service be changed to honorable. However, the President of the NDRB did not concur with the finding and recommendations of the Board and forwarded your case to the

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) for final review. On 6 October 1988, SECNAV concurred with the President of the NDRB, that relief in your case was not warranted. He stated, in part, that your refusal to execute orders to an unaccompanied tour was a significantly negative aspect of your overall conduct which outweighed the positive aspect of your military record, and concluded that your general discharge should remain unchanged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, short period of service, and contention that your trait average in conduct was high enough to warrant an honorable discharge. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the reason for your discharge. 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,



ROBERT J. O'NEILL  
Executive Director