

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: 6061-13

8 May 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 26 February 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 29 April 1980. You received nonjudicial punishment and were convicted by a special court-martial of two periods of unauthorized absence totaling 664 days, having unclean gear, and disobedience of a lawful order.

On 20 August 1983 your commanding officer recommended that you be separated with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and on 2 September 1983 you were separated with a discharge under other than

honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors such as your youth, personal problems, and the unsubstantiated contention that you received a general discharge. The Board concluded that these factors were insufficient to warrant an upgrade of your discharge, given the lengthy period of your unauthorized absences. 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