



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

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Docket No: 11072-14
5 February 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your latest reconsideration request dated 21 September 2014. You previously petitioned the Board and were advised in our letter that your application had been denied.

Your current request has been carefully examined by a three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session on 4 February 2015. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application and any material submitted in support of your application.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board determined that your assertion of being referred to as a homosexual, even though not previously considered by the Board, was insufficient to establish the existence of material error or injustice. The Board determined that your allegations were not enough to outweigh the significant misconduct you committed while serving on active duty. Further, Board regulations state that personal appearances before the Board are not granted as a right, but only when the Board determines that such an appearance will serve some useful purpose. In your case, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

It is regrettable 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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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 record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director