



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

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Docket No: 13226-14
11 May 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your latest reconsideration request dated 20 November 2014. You previously petitioned the Board on several occasions and were advised in our letters that your applications had been denied.

Because your application was submitted with new evidence not previously considered, the Board found it in the interest of justice to review your application. 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 8 May 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.

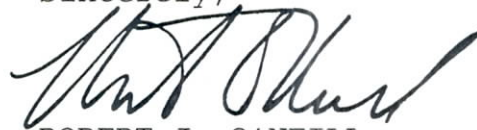
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board determined that your assertion of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the letter you provided from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) as a reason for your misconduct, even though not previously considered by the Board, was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Your assertion that you suffered from PTSD was fully and carefully considered by the Board in light of the Secretary of Defense's Memorandum, "Supplemental Guidance to Military Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Considering Discharge Upgrade Requests by Veterans Claiming Post Traumatic Stress Disorder" of September 3, 2014. In accordance with the guidance, the Board gave liberal and special consideration to treatment record documentation of PTSD symptoms and DVA determinations of the existence of service connected PTSD. In addition, the Board provided liberal consideration to finding

PTSD where a service record substantiated the existence of PTSD symptoms or when a civilian provider diagnosed PTSD. After applying these guidelines to the evidence in the case, the Board was not able to substantiate the existence of PTSD in your case.

Accordingly, your application must again be denied. In this regard, the Board found that your contentions are insufficient to warrant further consideration in your case. In the absence of sufficiently material evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to initiate action, at no cost to the Board, to a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

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