



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 2409-14
13 April 2015

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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, 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 31 March 2015. 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.

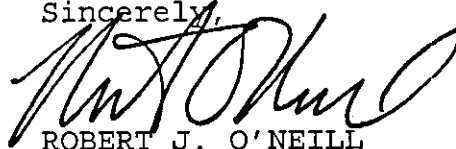
You enlisted in the Navy on 15 November 1985, and served without disciplinary incident. On 4 March 1986, you were referred for a medical evaluation due to experiencing trouble breathing, allergies, nasal congestion, light headedness, and having a dry cough. At that time you reported a history of asthma and being allergic to pets and/or animals. However, you failed to disclose this information, and that you had been hospitalized for six days because of asthma prior to enlistment. Nonetheless, you were diagnosed with a reactive airway disease and asthma, and recommended for an administrative separation. You were not recommended for retention or reenlistment due to the diagnosed asthma which existed prior to your enlistment.

Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of a physical disability, specifically, asthma, which existed prior to enlistment. The discharge authority directed an honorable discharge by reason of physical disability, and on 26 March 1986, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to change your narrative reason for separation. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case because of the diagnosed asthma and your failure to disclose it prior to enlisting in the Navy. Finally, Sailors who fail to disclose pre-existing diseases, disorders, or illnesses would normally be separated by reason of "fraudulent entry." 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 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 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