



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 3456-14
10 July 2014

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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 8 July 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

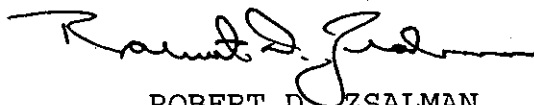
You enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and began a period of active duty on 27 December 1994. On 22 July 1995, you were honorably released from initial active duty for training (IADT) and transferred to your reserve unit. On 19 February 1998, you were warned regarding three unauthorized absences (UA's) from drill. Your record appears to reflect that you did not attend drill with your reserve unit as you were required to do. Based on your non-participation, administrative discharge action was initiated and on 13 April 1998 the separation authority directed that you receive an other than honorable discharge. On 5 June 1998, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and prior active duty. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant

recharacterization of your discharge given your failure to drill with your reserve unit as required. 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