



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

JDR
Docket No: 4676-14
11 May 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 of the 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 1 May 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 Marine Corps, began a period of active duty on 15 September 2003, and served for about 15 months without disciplinary incident. However, on 6 January 2005, you were formally counseled for wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 22 June 2007, you were counseled and advised that you would be assigned a reentry code of RE-4B upon separation as a result of your admitted substance abuse. On 17 September 2007, at the expiration of your enlistment, you were honorably released from active duty. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4B reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to upgrade your reentry code. The Board also considered your assertion that your reentry code is the result of an administrative error. Nevertheless, based on the information currently contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change of your reentry code, given your wrongful use of a controlled substance. In regard to your assertion, the Board noted that the record contains documented evidence that the assignment of an RE-4B reentry code was not due to an administrative error and was appropriate for your situation. 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,

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

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director