



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

SJN  
Docket No: 5458-14  
4 June 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 19 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 and began a period of active duty on 22 February 1985. During the period from 22 August 1985 to 11 August 1986, you received four nonjudicial punishments (NJPs), one of which was for the wrongful use of marijuana. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. After being afforded all of your procedural rights, your case was forwarded to the separation authority recommending that you be retained on active duty. On 26 November 1986 and 14 July 1987, you received NJP. On 27 July 1987, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct. After being afforded all of your procedural rights, your case was forwarded to the separation authority recommending that you be separated. On 11 September

1987, the separation authority concurred and directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct. You were so discharged on 9 October 1987.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service, desire to upgrade your discharge, post service medical issues, and assertion that your misconduct was directly related to chemical exposure, while stationed at Camp Lejeune. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your six NJPs, one of which was for wrongful drug use, and two after you were given an opportunity earn a better characterization of service when your first ADB recommended your retention on active duty. Regarding your assertion that your chemical exposure contributed to your misconduct, the Board noted that the severity of your misconduct outweighed the mitigations of your assertion. Finally, there is no evidence in the record to support it, and you provided none. 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