



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

CRS
Docket No: 242-07
1 May 2008



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 26 March 2008. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you reenlisted in the Navy on 2 March 1978 after six years of prior active service. On 24 February 1983 you received nonjudicial punishment for failure to obey a lawful order. The punishment consisted of restriction for 15 days and reduction in rank to IC3. On 1 March 1984 you were honorably discharged by reason of expiration of term of service.

The Board found no merit in your contention that the nonjudicial punishment was unjust because you were punished for your religious beliefs as there is no evidence of this in your record and you have not provided any. The Board concluded that your commanding officer acted reasonably in your case, and that he was in the best position to resolve the factual issues and to impose appropriate punishment. There is no credible evidence that you did not commit the charged offense. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert D. Zsalmán".

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director