



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

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Docket No. 03938-07
9 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 8 May 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.

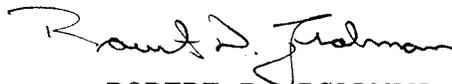
The Board found that you served on active duty in the Marine Corps from 9 May to 18 June 1974, when you were discharged because of your inability to expend efforts constructively. On 4 April 1997, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) denied your request for service connection for anxiety reaction, paranoid schizophrenia and posttraumatic stress disorder. VA rating officials determined that there was no evidence of an anxiety reaction subsequent to your discharge, you were not diagnosed with schizophrenia until 1991, and that there was not

a confirmed diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder. The VA affirmed the denial of your request for service connection for those conditions on 19 August 2003.

In the absence of evidence which demonstrates that you were unfit for service by reason of physical disability that was incurred in or aggravated by your brief period of naval service, the Board was unable to recommend any corrective action in your case. 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,



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director