



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

CRS
Docket No: 3976-09
22 February 2010



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 18 February 2010. 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 enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on 19 September 1988. You received nonjudicial punishment on two occasions for wrongful possession of marijuana.

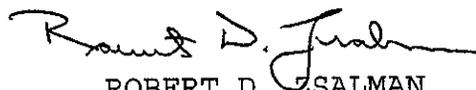
On 7 October 1989 your commanding officer recommended that you be separated from the Marine Corps Reserve with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. When informed of that recommendation, you waived the right to present your case to an administrative discharge board. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and on 15 March 1990 you were separated by reason of misconduct with a discharge under other than honorable conditions.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and good post service conduct. The Board found those factors insufficient to warrant recharacterization of your service, given your repeated use of drugs. 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