



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

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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 6 December 2011. 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 reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 8 July 1981 after more than five years of prior honorable service. The Board found that portions of the documents pertinent to your administrative discharge are not in your record. However, it appears you were the subject of a medical evaluation which centered on a marital conflict which resulted after you admitted that you had sexually molested your four year old stepdaughter. It was reported that you had increased thoughts of suicide and were admitted for a psychiatric evaluation. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct. The discharge authority concurred and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. You were so discharged on 25 April 1984.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, prior honorable service, and character letters. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the very serious offense. Finally, the Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better characterization of service. 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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Executive Director