



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4198-12
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10, 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 21 February 2013. 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 reenlisted in the Navy on 29 October 1982 after more than four years of prior honorable service. You admitted to civil authorities your inappropriate behavior with your, at the time, four year old stepdaughter. You stated in part that, you put a condom on your finger and inserted it into her vagina. You further stated you did this because you did not have anything else to do. On 26 September 1985, you were arrested and charged with sexual battery. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. After consulting with legal counsel, you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 11 March 1986, the ADB found that you committed misconduct and recommended that you be separated with an OTH discharge. Your commanding officer concurred with the

ADB and forwarded his recommendation to the separation authority. On 29 April 1986, the separation authority agreed with the recommendation of the ADB and directed your commanding officer to issue you an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense and on 7 May 1986, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your prior honorable service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time or an individual's good behavior after discharge. 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