



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 04292-12
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 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 19 March 2013. 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 enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 17 June 1965. The Board found that on 7 July 1967, you were diagnosed with a schizophrenic reaction that existed prior to your entry onto active duty. On 21 July 1967, you were diagnosed with an emotionally unstable personality. On 31 October 1967, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for 17 days of unauthorized absence, two instances of disrespect and two instances of the use of provoking language. Administrative discharge action was initiated and it was recommended that you receive an undesirable discharge by reason of unfitness (unauthorized use of narcotics). After being afforded all of your procedural rights, it was recommended that you be discharged from the service with an undesirable discharge due to unfitness. Subsequently, your case was forwarded and you received an other than honorable discharge on 12 December 1967.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service, post service accomplishments, and character letter. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not

sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your NJP, medical diagnoses, and wrongful drug use. 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