



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 04932-12
27 March 2013



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 26 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 30 May 1978. The Board found that during the period from 11 October 1978 to 6 March 1979, you received five nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for two periods of unauthorized absence (UA), four instances of disobedience and assault. On 9 March 1979, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of nine days of UA. You were sentenced to a forfeiture of pay and confinement at hard labor. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. After being advised of your procedural rights, you waived the right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority directed discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. You were so discharged on 30 April 1979.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service, and desire to change your characterization of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not

sufficient to warrant any change in your discharge given your five NJP's and SCM conviction. The Board also noted that you waived 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Zsalmán", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director