



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 05159-12
25 March 2013



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 20 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.

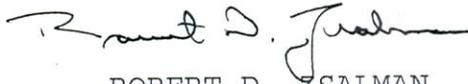
You had prior honorable service in the Navy from 1979 to 1983. You reenlisted on 1 February 1984, and served without disciplinary incident until 10 September 1984, when you were convicted at a special court-martial of two specifications of unauthorized absence, totaling approximately 105 days. After confinement, you were recommended for separation with an other than honorable discharge due to misconduct (commission of a serious offense (COSO)). You waived your rights to counsel and an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority approved the recommendation, and on 29 January 1985, you were separated with an OTH discharge due to misconduct (COSO), a separation code of HKQ (misconduct), and an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reentry code.

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 a change to your characterization of service or your separation code due to your COSO. Furthermore, the Board found you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity 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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Acting Executive Director