



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 2573-13  
4 February 2014

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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 4 February 2014. 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 enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 12 April 1961. You served without disciplinary incident until 18 July 1962, when you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of a 23 day period of unauthorized absence (UA).

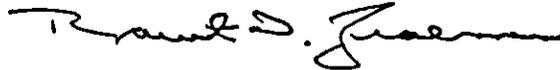
In February 1963 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 69 day period of UA and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for three months and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). Subsequently, the BCD was approved at all levels of review, and on 26 June 1963, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge and assertions that your punishment did not fit the offense for which you were discharged and that you believe that you were made an example of, which resulted in a discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your

discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive and lengthy periods of UA. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you provided none, to support your assertions. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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