



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 04019-13
1 May 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 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 30 April 2014. 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.

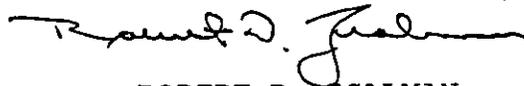
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 22 August 1983. The Board found that during the period from 23 January 1984 to 29 March 1985, you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for eight instances of disobedience, two instances of being absent from your appointed place of duty, and wrongful possession and use of marijuana. Additionally, you were counseled and warned after your first NJP, that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to wrongful drug use. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct. On 16 July 1985, you received a fourth NJP for wrongful possession and use of marijuana. The separation authority

concurrent with your commanding officer and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug use. You were so discharged on 29 July 1985.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your four NJP's, two of which were for wrongful drug use, and the fact that you were counseled regarding the consequences of further misconduct along with wrongful drug use. Finally, the Board noted that you waived the right to 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,



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Acting Executive Director