



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4163-13
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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 25 March 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered a period of active duty on 27 January 1997. You received a waiver for pre-service drug use. You were also convicted by a summary court-martial of the wrongful use of marijuana. You were then advised that your command was administratively separating you with an other than honorable (OTH) characterization of service due to misconduct. You waived your procedural right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 15 September 1999, you received an OTH characterization of service discharge due to misconduct, and were assigned an RE-4B (in-service drug use) reentry code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, medical issues, remorse, and current desire to upgrade your discharge. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed due to your drug abuse. The Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded automatically due solely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. In view of the above, 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,



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director