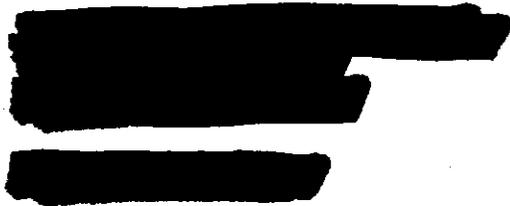




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4993-13  
14 May 2014



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 7 May 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.

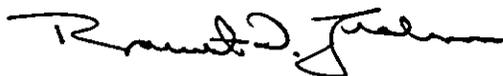
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 2 August 1974 at age 17. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on 7 November 1975 and 13 February 1976, for failure to obey a lawful order, failure to go to your appointed place of duty, disrespect toward a noncommissioned officer, and dereliction in the performance of duties. On 11 January 1977, you were convicted in Circuit Court in Norfolk, Virginia, of grand larceny and writing worthless checks. The sentence imposed was two years supervised probation. On 12 February 1978, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of three instances of unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit for a period totaling 237 days. On 6 March 1978, you were UA from your unit until you were apprehended by civil authorities on 7 March 1985, a period of five years. On 22 April 1985, you were convicted in Superior Court in North Carolina, of credit

card theft and forgery. You were sentenced to nine years in the Southern Correctional Institute, Troy, North Carolina. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 17 October 1986, you received the OTH discharge for misconduct.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in two NJPs, an SPCM and two civil convictions. A member of the armed services who is convicted by civil authorities may be discharged for misconduct. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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