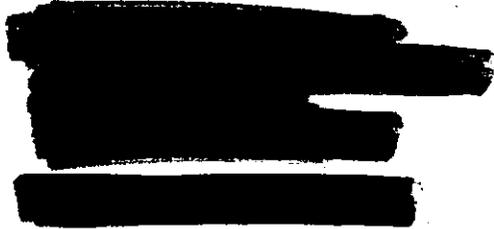




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 5272-13
21 May 2014



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 14 May 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 Navy and began a period of active duty on 28 March 1962. You served for a year without disciplinary incident, but on 29 April and again on 17 August 1963, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for absence from your appointed place of duty and failure to obey a lawful order.

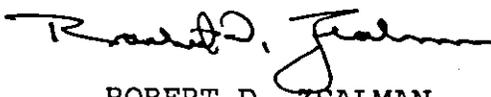
On 29 January 1965 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of two periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling 209 days and breaking restriction. You were sentenced to confinement at hard labor for five months, a \$370 forfeiture of pay, reduction to paygrade E-1, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). On 19 April 1965 you submitted a written request for immediate execution of the BCD. The BCD was subsequently approved at all levels of review, and on 28 May 1965, 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 explanation for your period of UA. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors

were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your misconduct and lengthy periods of UA. 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