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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 29 July 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.

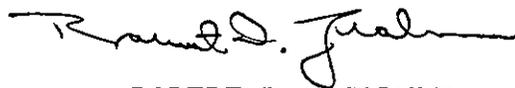
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 29 January 1985. The Board found that on 20 June 1985, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for urinating on a wall locker. You received a forfeiture of pay and restriction. On 25 November 1985, you signed a service record entry stating that you understood the Marine Corps' policy regarding drug and alcohol abuse. On 27 February 1986, you received NJP for wrongful use of marijuana. On 16 September 1986, you were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. On 22 February 1988, you received your third NJP for failing to go to your appointed place of duty. You received restriction, extra duty, and were again warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. On 25 March 1988, you received your fourth NJP for unauthorized absence and being incapacitated for the proper performance of your duties. Subsequently, administrative

discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to wrongful drug use and minor disciplinary infractions. 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 20 May 1988, the separation authority concurred and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. You were so discharged on 24 June 1988.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your four NJP's, one of which was for wrongful drug use, and the fact that you were briefed on the Marine Corps' policy regarding drug and alcohol abuse. 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,



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Acting Executive Director