



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

TAL  
Docket No: 6771-13  
24 July 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 9 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.

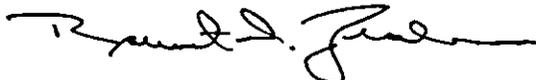
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You reenlisted in the Navy on 18 November 1981 after three years of prior honorable service. On 14 June 1983, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of conspiring with another Sailor to commit wrongful appropriation from the U.S. Government, four instances of unauthorized absence from your unit for a period totaling 223 days, two instances of failure to go to your appointed place of duty and two instances of wrongful appropriations of U.S. Government funds. The sentence imposed was confinement, a forfeiture of pay, reduction in paygrade and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). On 17 February 1984, you received the BCD after appellate review was complete.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your prior honorable 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 an SPCM and periods of UA totaling over seven months. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time or an individual's good behavior after discharge. 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