



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 8344-13
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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 9 September 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 11 January 1985. The Board found that during the period from 28 April to 20 June 1986, you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for disobedience, and three instances of being absent from your appointed place of duty. On 14 July 1986, you were counseled regarding your conduct and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. On 20 August 1986, you received NJP for breaking restriction. On 18 September 1986, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of breaking restriction. On 15 October 1987, you received a fifth NJP for two days of unauthorized absence. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 9 February 1988, your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of

misconduct. The separation authority concurred and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You were so discharged on 19 February 1988.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and post service accomplishments. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your five NJP's and SCM conviction. The Board also 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 J. O'NEILL
Executive Director