



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 8232-14
7 August 2015

Dear

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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 August 2015. 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 2 April 1981. During the period from 14 August 1981 to 18 March 1982, you received five nonjudicial punishments (NJP) for four periods of unauthorized absence (UA), two specifications of failure to go to your appointed place of duty, dereliction of duty, failure to obey a lawful order, and driving while intoxicated. On 8 April 1982, you were convicted by summary court martial (SCM) of possession of marijuana on ship and

larceny. On 18 August 1982, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of two periods of UA, disobeying a lawful order, violation of a lawful general regulation, escape from lawful custody, and breaking restriction. You were sentenced to forfeiture of pay, confinement at hard labor, and a bad conduct discharge. Subsequently, you were so discharged on 7 July 1982 with a bad conduct discharge (BCD) as a result of SPCM.

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 your post service conduct. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the severity of your misconduct that resulted in your five NJPs, SCM, and SPCM convictions. 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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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,

5 U.S.C. 552(b) (6)

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director