



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

TAL
Docket No: 7774-14
6 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 15 July 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 6 July 1979. You served for ten months without disciplinary incident, but during the period from 14 May 1980 to 22 June 1981, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on five occasions and were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM). Your offenses were unauthorized absence, failure to go to your appointed place of duty and failure to obey a lawful order.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement at which time you waived your procedural rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of

misconduct due to frequent involvement. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, on 26 August 1981, 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 your assertion of possible health issues resulting from exposure to the contaminated water on Camp Lejeune. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case because of your repeated misconduct. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend your actions, but waived your procedural rights. Regarding your assertion, Public Law 112-154, Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, require the Veterans Administration to provide health care to Veterans with one or more of 15 specified illnesses or conditions. You should contact the nearest office of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) concerning your right to apply for benefits or appeal an earlier unfavorable determination. 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