



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

JDR
Docket No: 2578-14
30 March 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 16 March 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, began a period of active duty on 11 December 1984, and satisfactorily served without incident for about 15 months. However, during the period from 23 April 1986 to 18 January 1987, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on three occasions for assault, communicating a threat, unauthorized absence, missing ship's movement, dereliction in the performance of duty, and sodomy.

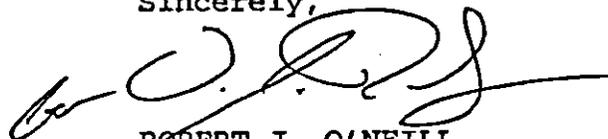
Subsequently, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense and

homosexuality. After consulting with legal counsel, you elected your procedural right to submit a statement requesting a general characterization of service. However, your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense and homosexuality. Separation was approved; but the discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense, and on 20 March 1987, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your period of satisfactory service and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertion that your discharge was the result of your sexual preference. Nevertheless, based on the information currently contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your misconduct which resulted in three NJPs. Finally, with regard to your assertion, the Board noted that, although processed for homosexuality, you were not discharged due to your sexual preference, but solely due to your record of misconduct. 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,



ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director