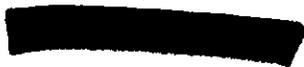




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

BJG  
Docket No: 2708-14  
12 August 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. Your previous case, docket number 2460-11, was denied on 22 November 2011.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 12 August 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, and the Board's file on your prior case.

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

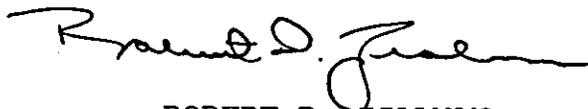
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 19 November 1968. You received nonjudicial punishment on two occasions and were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM). Your offenses included absence from your appointed place of duty and five periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totaling 118 days. The sentence at your SPCM included a bad

conduct discharge (BCD). On 10 May 1972, you received the BCD after appellate review.

The Board considered all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and service in Vietnam. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be upgraded due to your periods of UA totaling almost four months. You are advised that a current diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder does not, in and of itself, require the Board to upgrade the characterization of your discharge. The Board recommended that you contact your local office of the Department of Veterans Affairs and make it aware of your medical issues. Finally, you are advised that the mere passage of time or post service good conduct do not require that a discharge be upgraded. In view of the above, the Board voted to again deny relief. 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 D. ZSALMAN  
Acting Executive Director