



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

BC

Docket No: 02911-14

6 November 2014

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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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 November 2014. 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.

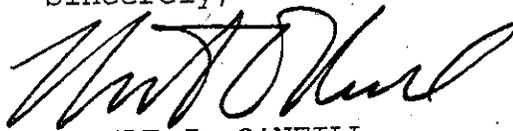
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 6 October 1988. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on three occasions. Your offenses were being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status totaling six days, making unauthorized phone calls, making a false official statement, and wrongful use of cocaine. On 1 December 1991, you were convicted by a special court-martial (SPCM) of being UA for 37 days and you were sentenced forfeiture of \$500, reduction in pay grade, confinement at hard labor for 60 days, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). After appellate review you were discharged on 29 April 1994.

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 assertion that the discharge you received continues to hinder your life and opportunities. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case because of the seriousness of your repeated misconduct. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you provided none, to support your assertion. 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert J. O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT J. O'NEILL  
Executive Director