



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

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Docket No: 4273-14
20 April 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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 15 April 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.

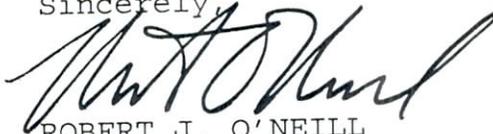
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 6 November 1986. On 10 June 1987, you were diagnosed with a chronic personality disorder. Subsequently, you were processed for separation by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. After being afforded all of your procedural rights your case was forwarded to the separation authority recommending you receive a general discharge. On 12 August 1987, the separation authority directed that you receive a general discharge. You were so discharged on 7 August 1987.

The Board, in its review of your record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your short period of service, desire to upgrade your discharge, and belief that your character of service would change after a few years. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your diagnosed personality disorder. Further, you are

advised that there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of a discharge automatically after few months or due solely to the passage of time. 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 black ink, appearing to read "R. J. O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director