



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

EGA
Docket No: 5046-14
29 June 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, 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 12 May 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 20 August 1984. You served without disciplinary incident until 10 April 1985, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for use of a controlled substance. On 8 July 1985, you began a period of unauthorized absence (UA) for 22 days. On 29 October 1985, you began a second period of UA for 84 days. As a result, you were sent to Special Courts-Martial (SPCM) and sentenced to confinement at hard labor, forfeiture of pay, and a Bad Conduct Discharge (BCD). On 13 January 1986, you were discharged with a BCD.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your character of service and post service bipolar disorder diagnosis. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case, given the seriousness of your repeated misconduct, which included drug abuse. 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 or other matter not previously considered by the Board within one year from the date of the Board's decision. 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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director