



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

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Docket No: 5120-14
18 May 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 13 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 28 December 1983. You served for about one year and five months without disciplinary incident, but on 8 May 1985, and again on 9 July 1986, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful possession and use of an unauthorized DOD vehicle pass, failure to obey a lawful order and unauthorized absence.

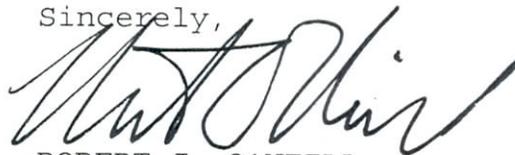
Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to minor disciplinary infractions at which time you elected your procedural rights to

consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The ADB recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to minor disciplinary infractions. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 29 August 1986, 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, desire to have your discharge upgraded, and your letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Nevertheless, based on the information currently contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant an upgrade of your discharge given your repetitive misconduct which resulted in two NJPs. 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. O'Neill".

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director