



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

TLG  
Docket No: 7208-14  
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5 U.S.C 552(b) (6)

Dear 5 U.S.C 552(b) (6)

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. The application was filed in a timely manner.

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 1 July 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 21 August 1974. You served for about 14 months without disciplinary incident, but during the period from 4 October 1975 to 23 September 1974, you were in an unauthorized absence (UA) status totaling 305 days and received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for UA from appointed place of duty. You were then notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of for the good of the service.

Subsequently, you were recommended an other than honorable discharge by reason of for the good of the service. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed discharge under other than honorable conditions, and on 28 September 1976, you were so discharged.

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 you stayed in Vietnam until the evacuation was completed. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief given the seriousness of your period of UA which resulted in separation from the Navy and NJP. 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,

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Executive Director