

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Dear

This is in reference to your recent reconsideration request. You previously petitioned the Board and were advised in our letter of 27 July 2016 that your application had been denied. Your case was reconsidered in accordance with Board for Correction of Naval Records procedures that conform to *Lipsman v. Secretary of the Army*, 335 F. Supp. 2d 48 (D.D.C 2004).

Your current request has been carefully examined by a three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session on 20 September 2017. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your Application for Correction of Military Record (DD Form 149), any material submitted in support of your application and your prior case file.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board determined your correspondence, even though not previously considered by the Board, was insufficient to establish the existence of material error or injustice. The Board determined the character letters and certificates of post service achievements are not enough to outweigh your significant misconduct that resulted in a special court-martial. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your reconsideration petition are such that favorable action cannot be taken again. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the submission of new and material evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board. In the absence of sufficient new and material evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.



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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.

**Executive Director**