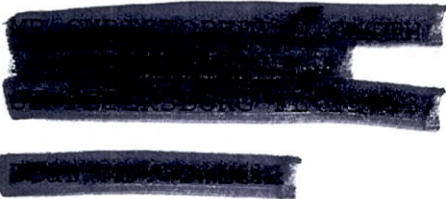




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 418-12
16 October 2012



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 11 October 2012. 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.

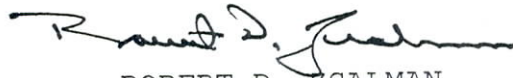
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 11 May 1993 at age 19. On 25 August 1998, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of making a false official statement, writing checks with insufficient funds, and six instances of failure to pay just debts. The sentence imposed was confinement, a forfeiture of pay, reduction in paygrade and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The convening authority suspended the BCD for one year. On 23 November 1998, you were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 24 November 1998, you received the OTH discharge for misconduct.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded relief in your case was not warranted due to the seriousness and repetitiveness of your misconduct that resulted in a SPCM. The Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for the recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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 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. 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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Acting Executive Director