



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 461-13

15 April 2014



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 18 September 2013. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 1 December 1997. You received nonjudicial punishment and were convicted by a summary court-martial of two periods of unauthorized absence totaling 28 days and wrongful use of marijuana.

It appears that your commanding officer recommended that you be separated with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and on 17 March 2000 you were separated with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. The Board concluded that these factors are insufficient to warrant a change in the characterization of service, given your use of illegal drugs and other misconduct. Accordingly, your application is denied. The names and votes of the members of the Board panel will be provided 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert D. Zsalmán".

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director