



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 02405-13  
12 February 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 11 February 2014. 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.

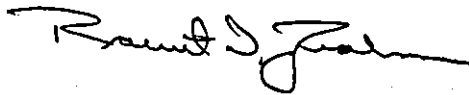
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 12 March 1981. The Board found that on 3 September 1981, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being absent from your appointed place of duty and two instances of disobedience. On 29 October 1981, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of destruction of government property and disorderly conduct. On 9 April and 12 August 1982, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of two specifications of assault, four specifications of disrespect and insubordinate conduct. On 15 November 1982, you were convicted by general court-martial (GCM) of two specifications of disrespect and two specifications of assault. You were sentenced to confinement at hard labor, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a dishonorable discharge (DD). You received the DD on 26 January 1984 after appellate review was completed.

The Board, in its review of your record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, based on the information currently contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your NJP, SCM, two SPCM's and conviction by GCM of very serious offenses. 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 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