



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4297-13
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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 26 March 2014. 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.

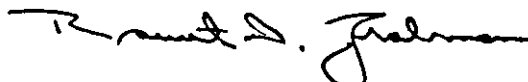
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 6 October 1982 at age 18. On 6 December 1983, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two instances of failure to go to your appointed place of duty, larceny of a base vehicle sticker and failure to obey a lawful regulation. On 30 May 1984, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of two instances of unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit for a period totaling 33 days. The sentence imposed was confinement at hard labor, and a forfeiture of pay. You received NJP on three additional occasions for failure to go to your appointed place of duty and two instances of UA from your unit for a period totaling four days. You were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 28 November 1984, you received the other than honorable discharge for misconduct (pattern of 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 found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in four NJPs and an SPCM. The Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, no discharge is upgraded merely because of the passage of time or an individual's good behavior after discharge. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board also noted that you should contact Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Code MMSB, 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103 to request that administrative corrections be made to your Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214) such as, but not inclusive of, your date of birth, social security number, or record of service.

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