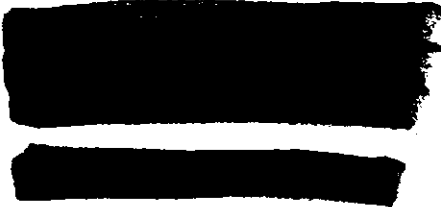




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4332-13
11 April 2014



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 2 April 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.

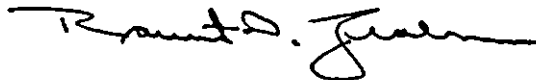
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 26 July 1989 at age 26. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on two occasions for failure to go to your appointed place of duty, missing ship's movement, and wrongful use of controlled a substance. On 27 March 1997, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) for failure to obey a general regulation by sexually harassing a junior enlisted Marine, wrongful use of marijuana and two instances of assault. The sentence imposed was confinement, reduction in paygrade, a forfeiture of pay and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). On 1 October 1998, you received the BCD after appellate review was complete.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and prior 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 two NJPs and an SPCM. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for 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