



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4698-13  
8 April 2014

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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 8 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

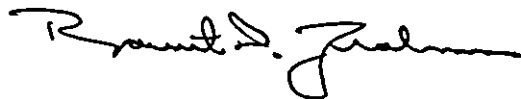
You enlisted in the Navy and entered a period of active duty on 29 September 1972. You received nonjudicial punishment on three occasions and were convicted by civil authorities. Your offenses included unauthorized absence (five periods totaling 53 days), absence from your appointed place of duty, disobeying a lawful order (two instances), sleeping on watch, larceny, and wrongful possession of prohibited weapons. You were then notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation due to misconduct. You exercised your

procedural right to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). The ADB met, found that you had committed misconduct, and recommended that you be discharged with an other than honorable (OTH) characterization of service. On 9 April 1975, you were discharged with an OTH characterization of service due to misconduct.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, and current desire to upgrade your discharge to receive veterans' benefits. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be upgraded due to your numerous acts of misconduct. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded due merely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. In view of the above, 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