



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 5794-13  
20 May 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 20 May 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 Marine Corps and entered a period of active duty on 20 February 1979. You received nonjudicial punishment for a 34 day period of unauthorized absence (UA). You then requested an under conditions other than honorable (OTH) discharge for the good of the service to avoid trial by court-martial for failure to go to your appointed place of duty, a period of UA totaling 140 days, disobedience, obtaining services under false pretenses, and breaking restriction. At that time, you consulted with qualified military counsel and acknowledged the adverse consequences of receiving such a discharge. The

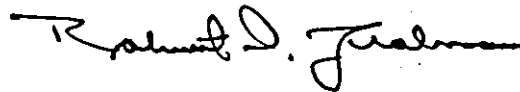
with an honorable characterization of service due to parenthood, and assigned a waivable RE-3B (parenthood) reentry code.

You affiliated with the Navy Reserve on 29 April 2007. You accumulated nine or more unexcused absences and were administratively separated. On 4 April 2008, you were discharged with a general characterization of service due to unsatisfactory participation and assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and current desire to serve in the armed forces. However, the Board concluded that your reentry code should not be changed because of your unsatisfactory participation and non-recommendation for retention. 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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Enclosure