



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 6911-13
31 July 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, 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 29 July 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.

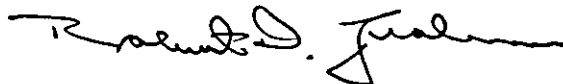
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 17 September 1982. You served for nearly two years without disciplinary incident, but during the period from 14 September 1984 to 6 August 1985, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on three occasions for two periods of absence from your appointed place of duty, two specifications of failure to obey a lawful order, failure to go to your appointed place of duty, and theft of an officer's uniform and shoes.

On 30 October 1985 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 28 day period of unauthorized absence (UA), wrongful possession and use of cocaine aboard your ship, and wrongful possession of drug paraphernalia. You were sentenced to confinement at hard labor for 60 days, a \$820 forfeiture of pay, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The BCD was subsequently approved at all levels of review, and on 3 March 1987, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your post service conduct, desire to upgrade your discharge, and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your misconduct which included drug abuse. Finally, no discharge is upgraded due solely to an individual's good post service conduct or the passage of time. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert D. Zsalmán".

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director