



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 7406-13
14 August 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 12 August 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 6 July 1988. The Board found that on 20 June 1990, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two days of unauthorized absence (UA). You received restriction, extra duty, a forfeiture of pay and a suspended reduction in paygrade. On 6 October 1990, you began a period of UA that lasted 437 days, ending with your apprehension by civil authorities on 17 December 1991. On 19 January 1992, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of 437 days of UA. You were sentenced to a reduction in paygrade, a forfeiture of pay, confinement, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). You received the BCD on 1 April 1993 after appellate review was completed.

The Board, in its review of your record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, based on the information currently contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your NJP, and conviction by SPCM of a period of UA that lasted over 14 months, ending with your apprehension. 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,



ROBERT D. ASALMAN
Executive Director