



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 7585-13
13 August 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 12 August 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.

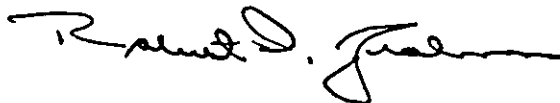
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 1 April 1969. You received nonjudicial punishment on five occasions and were convicted by a summary court-martial and two special courts-martial (SPCM). Your offenses included absence from your appointed place of duty (three instances), conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, unauthorized absence (six periods totaling 68 days), breaking restriction (four instances), disobeying a lawful order (two instances), and disrespect. The sentence at your second SPCM included a bad

conduct discharge (BCD). On 19 March 1973, after appellate review, you received the BCD.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, Vietnam combat service, character reference letters, and current desire to upgrade your discharge to receive veterans' benefits. However, the Board concluded that your BCD should not be changed due to your numerous acts of misconduct. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded due solely 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