



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 8236-13  
4 September 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 4 September 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.

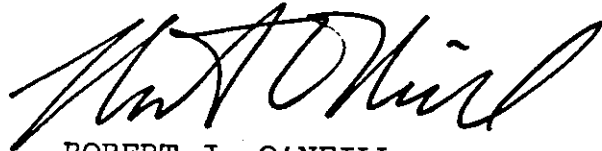
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered a period of active duty on 5 July 1978. You received nonjudicial punishment on five occasions and were arrested by civil authorities. Your offenses included wrongful possession of marijuana (two instances), unauthorized absence (four periods totaling eight days), failure to obey a lawful order, illegal possession of fireworks in the barracks, and larceny of government property. You were then notified of pending administrative separation processing with an under other than honorable (OTH) conditions

characterization of service due to misconduct. You elected to exercise your procedural right to have your case considered by an administrative discharge board (ADB). The ADB found that you had committed misconduct, and recommended that you receive an OTH characterization of service. On 15 May 1982, you were discharged with an OTH characterization of service due to misconduct, 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, medical issues, and current desire to upgrade your characterization of service. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed due to your numerous acts of misconduct. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded automatically 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,



ROBERT J. O'NEILL  
Executive Director