



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 8243-13
11 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 6 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.

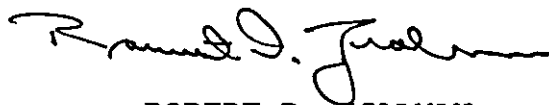
The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 11 August 1966. On 5 December 1967 you received nonjudicial punishment for an unauthorized absence.

On 29 August 1968 a special court-martial convened and found you guilty of the theft of an M-60 machine gun, and sentenced you to confinement at hard labor for six months, forfeiture of \$48.50 per month for six months, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). You were separated with a BCD on 19 March 1969.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and the contention that the sentence you received from the court-martial was unfair and unjust. The Board concluded that those factors were insufficient to warrant recharacterization of your service, given the serious nature of your misconduct, which ultimately resulted in your discharge. This Board only has authority to review a court-martial sentence for clemency. The Board found the sentence in your case was appropriate considering the serious nature of your offense. Accordingly, 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