

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

Docket No: 3233-16/

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Dear

This is in reference to your latest reconsideration request dated 4 April 2016. You previously petitioned the Board on 16 August 2006 and were advised in our letter dated 15 March 2007 that your application had been disapproved. Your case was reconsidered in accordance with Board for Correction of Naval Records procedures that conform to <u>Lipsman v. Secretary of the Army</u>, 335 F. Supp. 2d 48 (D.D.C. 2004).

Your current request has been carefully examined by a three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session on 22 November 2016. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application and any material submitted in support of your application.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board determined the new statement concerning the injury you claim to have suffered in the line of duty, and documentation you provided was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board believed that considerable clemency was extended to you when your original request for discharge to avoid trial by court-martial for 189 days of unauthorized absence was approved. The Board concluded that you received the benefit of your bargain with the Marine Corps when your request for discharge was granted and you should not be permitted to change it now. Accordingly, your application must again be 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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records.

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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,

**Executive Director**