



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 6980-16  
SEP 27 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 1552.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and considered your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 19 July 2017. 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

Regarding your request for a personal appearance, the Board determined that a personal appearance with or without counsel will not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 10 August 1965. You served without disciplinary incident. On 23 July 1969, you signed an administrative counseling which stated in part that you were not recommended for reenlistment due to your attitude of disinterest and general dislike for the Naval Service. On 7 August 1969, you were honorably released from active duty and assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your contention that since you received an honorable characterization of service the RE-4 reenlistment code is a mistake. The Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case because of your

non-recommendation for reenlistment which was sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code. In regard to your contention, the Board concluded your commanding officer found you were not best qualified for reenlistment. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken at this time. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the submission of new and material evidence. New evidence is evidence 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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Executive Director