



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

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Docket No: 391-17
APR 20 2018

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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. After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

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 consider 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 20 March 2018. 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.

You enlisted in the Navy on 8 March 1971. During the period from 9 December 1971 to 4 October 1972, you received two non-judicial punishments (NJP) for improper grooming and unauthorized absence (UA) for three days. As a result of the foregoing, on 4 March 1973, you received a general under honorable conditions discharge at the expiration of your enlistment and was transferred to the Navy Reserve. On 23 April 1976, you were discharged from the Navy Reserve with a general under honorable condition discharge.

The Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge and contention that you were young and immature when you were discharged. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant upgrading your discharge given your misconduct and marks in behavior at discharge. The Board noted that character of service is based, in part, on conduct and overall trait averages which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct average was 2.8. An average of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of

service. The Board concluded that your marks were a direct result of your misconduct and inability to conform to military standards, which supports the Commanding Officer decision to issue you a general under honorable condition characterization of discharge.

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