



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

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Docket No: 7902-17

APR 30 2019

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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 of the 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 15 January 2019. 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 28 December 1970. During the period from 29 July 1971 to 27 April 1972, you received three non-judicial punishments (NJP) for six specifications of unauthorized absence (UA), nine specifications of absence from appointed place of duty, violating a lawful regulation, wearing an improper uniform, and failure to obey a lawful order. As a result, on 1 June 1972, you were released from active duty, transferred to the Navy Reserve, and received a general under honorable conditions discharge.

The Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge and contention that you completed your active duty and received a general discharge. In regard to your contention, the Board noted characterization 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 2.2. An average of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of service. Therefore, the Board discerned no impropriety or inequity in your discharge and concluded that these factors

were not sufficient to warrant upgrading your characterization of service.

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. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of applying for correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of the probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director