



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3752-00  
16 July 2001

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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 11 July 2001. 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 Marine Corps on 3 July 1972 at age 18. The record reflects that you received two nonjudicial punishments. The offenses included unauthorized absences totalling five days.

A special court-martial convened on 8 January 1974 and you were found guilty of unauthorized absences totalling 206 days. The court sentenced you to confinement at hard labor for two months, forfeitures of \$100 per month for two months, and a bad conduct discharge. You received the bad conduct discharge on 15 August 1974.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and personal problems. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to the fact that your unauthorized absences totalled about seven months. The Board also noted that during a period of less than three years, you were the subject of three



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disciplinary actions, including a conviction by special court-martial. Based on the foregoing, the Board concluded that no discharge to the discharge is warranted. 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director