



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

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Docket No: 3888-02  
11 December 2002

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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 10 December 2002. 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 23 March 1965 at the age of 19. On 4 November 1966, following an 18 day period of unauthorized absence (UA), you were hospitalized for attempted suicide. On 12 December 1966 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of the foregoing period of UA and were sentenced to hard labor for one month and a \$50 forfeiture of pay.

On 28 April 1967 you were convicted by SPCM of two periods of UA totalling 87 days and escape. You were sentenced to a confinement at hard labor for six months, \$210 forfeiture of pay, reduction to paygrade E-1, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). On 7 August 1967 you submitted a written request for immediate execution of the BCD, stating, in part, that you wanted to start your life over in the civilian community, and that you did not like the Navy.

Subsequently, the BCD was approved at all levels of review, and on 27 September 1967 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity, and your contention that your periods of UA were the result of getting married and your wife being hospitalized. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your repetitive and lengthy periods of UA. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

The Board also noted that you should contact the Department of the Navy, Navy Personnel Command (BUPERS), Sailor Assistance Center, Code Pers-312F, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120 to request any administrative corrections, such as your social security number, date of birth, and place of birth, to your Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

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,

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Executive Director