



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

JRE  
Docket No. 04095-06  
25 July 2007

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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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 12 July 2007. 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.

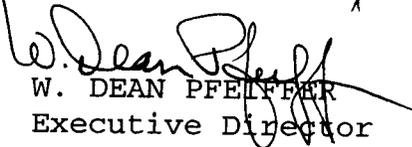
The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 11 October 1972. You were absent without authority from 16 May to 11 September 1973, and from 3 October 1973 to 17 September 1974. On 10 December 1974, you underwent a pre-separation physical examination, and were found not physically qualified for separation because glucose had been detected in your urine. You were discharged under other than honorable condition on 18 December 1974, in accordance with your request for discharge for the good of the service in lieu of trial by court-martial of the aforementioned unauthorized absences. You were apparently

diagnosed with diabetes mellitus approximately thirty years after you were discharged.

Although your urine was positive for the presence of glucose when tested during December 1974, the available records do not demonstrate that you suffered from diabetes mellitus at that time, or that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability that was incurred or aggravated while you were entitled to basic pay. In addition, the Board found that you would not have been entitled to disability separation or retirement even if you had been unfit by reason of physical disability, because your request for discharge for the good of the service would have taken precedence over and precluded disability evaluation processing. 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