



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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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 19 June 2008. 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 21 June 1999. You were absent without authority from 28 September 1999 to 28 February 2001, a period of 475 days. You were discharged under other than honorable conditions on 13 April 2001, in accordance with your request for discharge for the good of the service in lieu of trial by court-martial for the aforementioned period of unauthorized absence.

The Board could not find any indication in the available records that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability that was incurred in or aggravated by your service in the Marine Corps. It noted that even if you had been unfit for duty, you would not have been entitled to referral to the disability evaluation system, as your discharge for the good of the service would have taken precedence over disability processing. Accordingly, and as you have not demonstrated that it would be in the interest of justice for the Board to upgrade your discharge, 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