



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

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Docket No. 00173-08  
7 October 2008

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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 2 October 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.

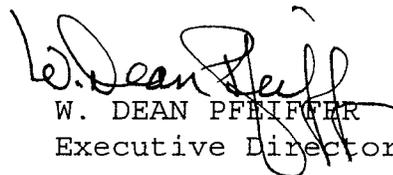
The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 2 August 1971. You underwent a pre-separation physical examination on 24 August 1972, and were found physically qualified for separation. You were separated from the Marine Corps on 14 December 1973 with a bad conduct discharge, pursuant to the approved findings and sentence of a special court-martial that convicted you of two periods of unauthorized absence, and escaping from custody. You completed a total of 7 months and 1 day of creditable service during the 2 August 1971-14 December

1973 period. You accumulated more than 500 days time lost during that period.

The available records do not demonstrate that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability at any time during your enlistment. You would not have been entitled to disability separation or retirement in any case, because your bad conduct discharge would have taken precedence over disability evaluation processing. Accordingly, and as you have not demonstrated that it would be in the interest of justice for the Board to upgrade your discharge to general or honorable, 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