



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

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Docket No: 1233-08  
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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 10 September 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

On 13 December 1966, you enlisted in the Navy at age 19. On 10 October 1967, a service record entry stated that you received adverse evaluation marks, were late for work several times and did not apply yourself. On 16 March 1968, a service record entry stated that you received adverse evaluation marks, required constant supervision, and had a negative attitude and an unwillingness to perform assigned tasks. During the period 23 November 1969 to 28 March 1970, you were in an unauthorized absence (UA) status on three occasions, but these charges were dismissed. On 11 September 1970, you were released from active duty under honorable conditions by reason of convenience of the government due to a reduction in authorized strength. On 12 December 1972, you were separated with a general discharge due to the expiration of your obligated service.

Characterization of service is determined, in part, by overall trait and military behavior mark averages computed from marks assigned on a periodic basis. Your overall trait and military behavior mark averages were 2.95 and 2.97, respectively. Averages of 2.7 in overall trait and 3.0 in military behavior were required for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your youth and service during Vietnam. The Board also considered your belief that your discharge was supposed to be honorable. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors and your belief were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to your failure to attain the minimum military behavior average required for a fully honorable characterization of service. Therefore, the Board concluded that the discharge was proper as issued and no change 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,

  
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Executive Director