



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

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Docket No: 1637-08  
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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 1 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

On 29 January 1960, you enlisted in the Navy Reserve at age 18 and began a period of active service. On 18 August 1960, you were convicted by a summary court-martial of a six day period of unauthorized absence (UA). On 27 December 1960, you had nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for an 11 hour period of UA. On 14 June 1961, your commanding officer requested a humanitarian transfer on your behalf. However, the request was subsequently denied. On 9 December 1961, you had NJP for dereliction in the performance of your duties. On 4 February 1962, you were released from active duty under honorable conditions due to the expiration of your active service. On 28 January 1966, you were discharged with a general discharge due to the expiration of your obligated service.

Characterization of service is determined by a service member's conduct, actions, performance and marks assigned on a periodic basis. Minimum acceptable average overall trait and military behavior marks of 2.7 and 3.0, respectively, are required to

form the basis for a fully honorable characterization of service. Your average overall trait and military behavior marks were 2.64 and 2.47, respectively. Given your failure to attain the overall trait and military behavior mark averages required for a fully honorable characterization of service, the Board found that your service warranted a general characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your youth. The Board also considered your contention that your service warranted an honorable characterization of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your service, given your overall service record and failure to attain the overall trait and military behavior mark averages 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