



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

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Docket No: 3388-08
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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 22 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 8 September 1971. You received eight nonjudicial punishments and were convicted by a special court-martial. Your offenses included five periods of unauthorized absence, failure to obey a lawful order, willful disobedience of a lawful order, being in an unclean uniform, failure to go to appointed place of duty, and disrespect to a noncommissioned officer in language and deportment.

On 9 April 1975 an administrative discharge board recommended that you be separated from the Marine Corps with an undesirable discharge by reason of unfitness due to frequent involvement with military authorities. The recommendation was approved by the separation authority, and you were separated with an undesirable discharge on 30 April 1975.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully considered your contention to the effect that you were a victim of racial discrimination and unfair treatment, which contributed to your acts of indiscipline, but considered it insufficient to warrant the approval of your request for corrective action. 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