



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

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Docket No: 6253-08
10 April 2009

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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 8 April 2009. 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 Navy on 27 April 1972. You received seven nonjudicial punishments for offenses that included unauthorized absences, wrongful possession and use of "speed", absence from appointed place of duty, failure to obey a lawful order, use of provoking words, and failure to go to your appointed place of duty.

On 9 July 1973 your commanding officer recommended that you be separated from the Navy with a general discharge by reason of unfitness due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. The recommendation was approved by the separation authority, and you received a general discharge on 8 August 1973.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully considered your contention that you were suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder while on active duty, and that the acts of misconduct which resulted in your discharge were symptoms of that condition. The Board could not find any evidence in the available records or your application which corroborates that contention. Accordingly, and as you have not demonstrated that it would be in the interest of justice for the Board to upgrade your discharge

as a matter of clemency, 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