



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

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Docket No: 3843-08
24 March 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 11 February 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.

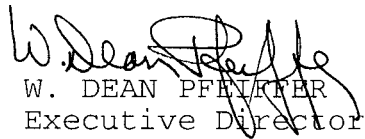
The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 15 May 1968. You received nine nonjudicial punishments and were convicted by a summary court-martial for offenses that included four periods of unauthorized absence, failure to obey a lawful order, absence from appointed place of duty, assault, willful disobedience of a lawful order, dereliction of duty, being out of uniform, and disrespect to an officer.

On 22 January 1971 an administrative discharge board recommended that you be separated from the naval service with an undesirable discharge by reason of unfitness. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation was approved and you were discharged with an undesirable discharge on 8 February 1971.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your overall record of service and comments by the Veterans Affairs that your service was faithful and honest. The Board found those factors insufficient to warrant recharacterization of your service in view of your extensive disciplinary record. 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