



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

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Docket No: 3724-09  
12 February 2010

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10, 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 27 January 2010. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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.

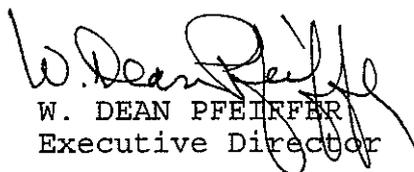
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 10 May 1975 at age 28. Your record reflects that at the time of your enlistment you had completed 13 years of formal education and had an Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) score of 52 which placed you in Mental Group III. However, your record contains an aptitude board report dated 7 July 1975 which states, in part, that you were the cause of multiple problems and blamed your wrongdoings on your inability to properly comprehend and/or speak the English language. The record also reflects that you were unsuitable for continued service and recommended for an administrative separation. Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of unsuitability due to apathy as evidenced by your inability to adjust to military life. Your record reflects that on 2 July 1975 you acknowledged that you were being processed for separation by reason of inaptitude as evidenced by your inability to learn. The discharge authority directed separation by reason of unsuitability and on 10 July 1975, while serving in paygrade E-1, you were honorably discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and assertion that you were never advised as to why you were discharged. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change of your narrative reason for separation because of your inability to adjust to military life and very short period of service. Finally, there is documented evidence in the record that is contrary to your assertion that you were unaware of why you were discharged from the Marine Corps. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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