



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

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Docket No: 5447-08  
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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 30 September 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 16 November 1981. You received nonjudicial punishment and were convicted by a special court-martial and a summary court-martial for offenses that included three periods of unauthorized absence, drunk on duty, absence from appointed place of duty, and missing movement.

On 13 July 1983 your commanding officer recommended that you be separated from the Navy with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. After being informed of the recommendation, you elected to waive the right to present your case to an administrative discharge board. The recommendation was approved by the separation authority, and you were discharged under other than honorable conditions on 12 August 1983.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, family problems, and the contention that your discharge was to be automatically upgraded. The Board concluded that those factors were insufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge

or a change in the reason for discharge, given your disciplinary record. In this regard, there is no rule or regulation that provides for the automatic upgrading of discharges. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

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