



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

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Docket No: 06214-09
29 April 2010



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 27 April 2010. 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 31 March 1972, at the age of 17. On 7 December 1972, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being disrespectful to a noncommissioned officer. On 22 December 1972, you received NJP for disobeying a lawful order. On 23 April 1973, you received NJP for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for 32 days. On 29 June 1973, you received NJP for being UA for a period of eight days. On 26 October 1973, you received NJP for being UA for one day. On 25 February 1974, you were convicted at a special court-martial (SPCM) for being UA for 89 days. You were sentenced to a forfeiture of \$1290, confinement at hard labor for six months and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The discharge authority directed the execution of your BCD. On 23 July 1974, after appellate review, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your record of five NJP's and conviction by SPCM. 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