



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

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Docket No: 9265-09

27 May 2010

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 26 May 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board found that you entered active duty in the Navy on 17 March 1975. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on four occasions for failure to go to and absence from your appointed place of duty (three specifications), unauthorized absence (six days), and failure to obey a lawful order. After your second and third NJP, you were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. You were administratively processed for misconduct (frequent involvement of a

discreditable nature with military authority). In exchange for waiving your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB), you received a general discharge on 22 March 1976, and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, and personal problems. However, the Board concluded that your general discharge should not be changed due to your misconduct. The Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge, because normally when a Sailor is separated for misconduct, he is given an other than honorable characterization of service. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. In view of the above, 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