



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

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Docket No: 9484-09  
15 June 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 15 June 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 Marine Corps on 5 January 1966. You were convicted by special court-martial for a 111 day period of unauthorized absence. On 15 June 1967, you were notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge for unfitness due to homosexual activity. You had admitted to receiving oral sex from a man on several occasions for compensation. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board

(ADB). On 14 August 1967, you received an OTH discharge due to unfitness, 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 lack of formal education. However, the Board concluded that your OTH discharge should not be changed due to your homosexual acts for compensation. You are advised that under today's standards, a Marine separated for homosexuality will receive the type of characterization based on his service record only if there are no aggravating circumstances, such as receiving compensation. The Board found 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