



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

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Docket No: 12004-09
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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 10 August 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 29 July 1972. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on three occasions and were convicted by special court-martial. Your offenses included absence from your appointed place of duty (two specifications), failure to obey a lawful order (five specifications), failure to go to your appointed place of duty, and unauthorized absence (two specifications totaling 11 days). You were notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to unfitness. You waived all of your procedural rights, including

your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 12 November 1974, you received an OTH discharge due to unfitness, and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge. The Board concluded that your discharge should not be upgraded due to your misconduct. The Board found 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.

You are advised that the President Ford era alternate service proclamation applied to unauthorized absence and draft evasion offenses to avoid service in Vietnam. You are also advised that it granted no benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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