



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

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Docket No: 3087-10
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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 16 February 2011. 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 2 May 1984. On 30 January 1985 you received nonjudicial punishment for an indecent assault.

A special court-martial convened on 6 June 1985 and found you guilty of assault with the intent to commit rape, use of indecent language, and dereliction of duty. The court sentenced you to confinement at hard labor for five months, forfeiture of \$100.00 per month for five months, and a bad conduct discharge. You were so discharged with a bad conduct discharge on 25 January 1988.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall service record, and the unsubstantiated contention that you were unjustly court-martialed. The Board concluded that those factors were insufficient to warrant recharacterization of your service, given the nature and severity of your offenses. In addition, the Board has no authority to disturb the findings or sentence of a court-martial based on a claim of incompetent counsel.

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