



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

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Docket No: 05187-10  
3 March 2011

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10, 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 2 March 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 15 December 1955 after serving honorably. On 11 January 1956, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to muster. On 13 July 1956, you received NJP for failure to obey a lawful order. On 4 November 1957, you were convicted by a summary court-martial (SCM) of dereliction. You were sentenced to forfeiture of \$50, and reduction in pay grade. You were informed that you would receive a general discharge at the expiration of your enlistment and you were not eligible for reenlistment. The discharge authority directed a general discharge. You were so discharged on 12 December 1958.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and prior honorable service. However, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your character of service, given your record of two NJP's and one conviction by SCM. The Board also noted that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge since a separation under other than honorable conditions is often directed when an individual is

found to have committed misconduct. 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