



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

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Docket No: 6191-10
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 12 April 2011. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 enlisted in the Marine Corps on 8 March 1967 at age 18. You served without disciplinary incident until 21 August 1967, when you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 51 day period of unauthorized absence (UA). On 26 October 1967 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to go to your appointed place of duty.

On 30 January and again on 16 May 1968 you were convicted by SPCM of three periods of UA totalling 101 days. During the period from 7 June to 18 September 1968, while in confinement, you were also committed other offenses; specifically, failure to appear, two specifications of appearing late, 12 specifications of disobedience, four specifications of assuming authority, five specifications of arguing, three specifications of using profanity, being misleading, three specification of being discourteous, and being noisy. Subsequently, you submitted a written request for reduction in your confinement and immediate execution of your discharge.

On 23 October 1968 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of unfitness due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. At that time you waived your right to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 29 October 1968 your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of unfitness due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities. On 12 November 1968 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of unfitness, and on 31 January 1969 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, post service conduct, and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your repetitive misconduct which resulted in a NJP and three SPCMs, and continued even while you were in confinement. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend your actions, but waived your procedural right to present your case to an ADB. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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,


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Executive Director