



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

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Docket No: 06545-10
27 April 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 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 26 April 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.

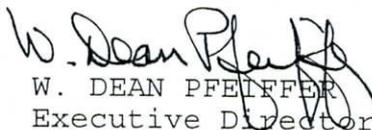
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 10 April 1956. The Board found that you received four nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for unauthorized absence (UA), disobedience, possession of another servicemember's liberty pass, and dereliction of duty. You also were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of UA and disobedience. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated and it was recommended that you receive an undesirable discharge by reason of unfitness. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 21 November 1957, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of unfitness. The discharge authority concurred and directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct. On 16 January 1958 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service, and post service accomplishments. Nevertheless, the

Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your four NJP's, and conviction by SCM of serious offenses. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. 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,


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Executive Director