



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

TAL  
Docket No: 7356-10  
29 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 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 23 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 enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 11 September 1972 at age 17. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on eight occasions for five instances of failure to obey a lawful order, misbehavior as a sentinel by sleeping on post, disrespectful language toward a superior noncommissioned officer, unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit for a period of 38 days, and making a false official statement. On 26 February 1976, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of disobeying a lawful order from a superior officer, two instances of insubordinate conduct toward a superior noncommissioned officer and using provoking speech. The sentence imposed was confinement for four months, a forfeiture of pay, reduction in paygrade and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). On 4 November 1976, you received the BCD after appellate review was complete.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that

resulted in eight NJPs and a SPCM conviction. 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 RUFFNER  
Executive Director