



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

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Docket No: 343-11  
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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 12 October 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.

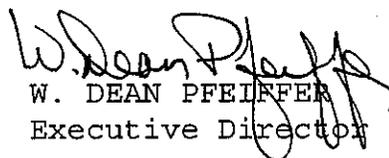
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 1 July 1987 after four years of prior honorable service. On 16 July 1991, you pled guilty and were convicted at a special court-martial of failure to turn over to proper authorities, two AK-47 rifles abandoned by the enemy. On 6 September 1991, at the completion of your enlistment, you received a general characterization of service discharge while serving in pay grade E-3, and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reentry code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, prior honorable service, and combat deployment. However, the Board concluded that your discharge and reentry code should not be changed due to your misconduct and non-recommendation for retention. The Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general characterization of service since Marines who have committed misconduct such as yours are normally discharged under other than honorable conditions. You are advised that no discharge is automatically upgraded due merely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. In view of the above, 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