



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

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Docket No: 2486-11  
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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 22 November 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 enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered active duty on 2 December 1969. You received nonjudicial punishment on five occasions and were convicted by a summary court-martial. Your offenses included two periods of unauthorized absence totaling eight days, violating a lawful order, being incapacitated for the performance of your duties, and failure to be at your appointed place of duty (two specifications). You were then notified that you were being administratively separated due to unsuitability with a type warranted by your service record

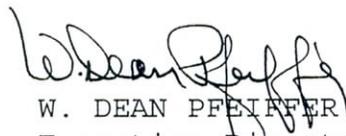
characterization of service. On 12 November 1971, you received a general discharge due to unsuitability.

Character of service is based, in part, on conduct marks assigned on a periodic basis. Your conduct mark average was 3.6. A 4.0 conduct mark average was required for a fully honorable discharge.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, Vietnam service, and allegation that you were innocent. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed because of your misconduct and insufficiently high conduct mark average. The Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge, since individuals who have committed misconduct such as yours normally receive an other than honorable characterization of service. The Board found no evidence in your record to support your allegation, and you have provided no such evidence. You are advised that no discharge is 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,

  
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Executive Director