



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4095-11  
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 18 January 2012. 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 14 June 1978 at age 17 and began a period of active duty 29 September 1978. You served for about a year and eight months without disciplinary incident. However, during the period from 21 May 1980 to 6 July 1982 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on five occasions for wrongful possession of marijuana, three periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling six days, and three periods of absence from your appointed place of duty.

Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities and a drug abuse. After waiving your procedural rights to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB), on 30 August 1982, your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities and drug abuse.

The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct and on 13 September 1982, you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

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 the characterization of your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct, which resulted in five NJPs. Finally, no discharge is automatically upgraded and/or changed due solely to the passage of time or an individual's good post service conduct. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director