



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

TAL  
Docket No: 5182-11  
17 August 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, 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 10 August 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.

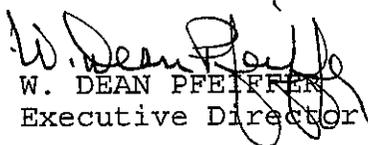
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 31 May 1988 at age 17. On 1 June 1989, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey a lawful regulation. On 20 May 1990, you received NJP for failure to go to your appointed place of duty. On 3 December 1993, you received NJP for failure to obey a regulation by wrongfully charging personal telephone calls in the amount \$250.00 on an official government telephone, and obtaining the service under false pretenses. You were counseled regarding your misconduct and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. You were notified of pending administrative processing with a general discharge due to misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 18 February 1994, you received the general discharge for misconduct, and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

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 changing your characterization of service or reenlistment code given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in three NJPs. An RE-4 reenlistment code must be assigned to all Marines discharged due to misconduct. The Board noted that you waived your procedural right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, the Board believed that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge since a separation under other than honorable conditions is often directed when a Marine is separated for misconduct. 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 PFEIFFER  
Executive Director