



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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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 17 July 2002. 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on 5 August 1969 at age 18. On 13 September 1969 you began a period of active duty for training. You completed your training and were assigned a Reserve unit on 11 March 1970.

The record reflects that you served without disciplinary incident until 5 May 1974, when you received nonjudicial punishment for unauthorized absences from drill on 4 May 1974 from 1231 to 1300 and from 1450 to 1515. About a year later, on 18 May 1975, you were counseled as to your unsatisfactory conduct and performance of duty. On 4 August 1975 you received a general discharge by reason of expiration of obligated service.

Character of service is based, in part, on one's conduct and proficiency averages, both of which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct and

proficiency averages were both 3.9. A minimum average conduct mark of 4.0 was required for a fully honorable characterization of service at the time of separation.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and possible immaturity and overall record of service. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the disciplinary action, and since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant a fully honorable discharge. 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