

Character of service is based, in part, on conduct and proficiency average which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your final conduct and proficiency averages were 3.9 and 4.75, respectively. A minimum average mark of 4.0 in conduct was required for a fully honorable characterization of service at the time of your discharge.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors such as your youth and immaturity, limited education, combat service in Korea, and the fact that it has been more than 47 years since you were discharged. The Board concluded that these factors were insufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your record of two NJPs, a summary court-martial conviction, and your failure to achieve the required average in conduct. You have provided neither probative evidence nor a convincing argument in support of your application. The Board concluded that your discharge was proper and no change is warranted. 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,

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Executive Director