



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

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Docket No: 11731-09
11 August 2010

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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 10 August 2010. 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 and began a period of active duty on 29 December 1977. The Board found that you received four nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for three instances of absence from your appointed place of duty, disobedience, and breaking restriction. On 12 March 1979, you were convicted by general court-martial (GCM) of two specifications of disobedience, two specifications of sleeping while on post, two specifications of assault, communicating a threat, two specifications of conspiracy to commit larceny, larceny, and housebreaking. You were sentenced to confinement at hard labor, a forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). You received the BCD on 3 September 1980 after appellate review was completed.

The Board, in its review of your record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, desire to upgrade your discharge, and post service medical issues. Nevertheless, based on the information currently

contained in your record, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your four NJP's and GCM conviction for very serious offenses. 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,


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Executive Director