



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

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Docket No: 11483-09
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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. 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 entered active duty in the Marine Corps on 21 July 1967. You were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 60 day period of unauthorized absence. You were also referred to another SPCM for wrongful possession of 52.7 grams of marijuana. However, there are no results of the trial in your record. On 1 October 1969, you received a general discharge at the expiration of your obligated service, and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

Character of service is based in part on conduct and proficiency marks assigned on a periodic basis. Your conduct average was 3.4. A 4.0 was required for a fully honorable discharge.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, desire to upgrade your discharge, and combat service in Vietnam. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed because of your misconduct and insufficiently high conduct average. The Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge, since an individual who has committed misconduct such as yours normally receives an other than honorable characterization of service. In view of the above, 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