



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

TAL
Docket No: 6268-10
16 March 2011

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 9 March 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.

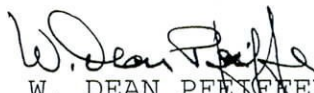
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 24 February 1966 at age 17. On 4 April 1967, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of two instances of unauthorized absence (UA) from your unit for a period totaling 28 days. On 9 September 1968, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of UA from your unit for a period of 334 days. The sentence imposed was confinement for six months, forfeiture of pay and a bad conduct discharge (BCD), however, the convening authority suspended the BCD. On 8 January 1969, you were again convicted by SPCM of UA from your unit for a period of 41 days. The sentence imposed was confinement for three months and forfeiture of pay. On 4 February 1969, you were again UA from your unit until you were apprehended on 28 June 1969, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in McClure, Pennsylvania, a period of 138 days. The convening authority vacated the BCD and on 5 September 1969, you were so discharged.

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 recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that

resulted in periods of UA totaling over one year and five months, one SCM and two SPCMs. 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