



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 963-13
16 October 2013

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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 16 October 2013. 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. The Board also considered the report of the Naval Discharge Review Board dated 25 May 1971, and an entitlement to awards summary dated 10 December 2012, copies of which are attached.

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.

You enlisted in the Navy and entered active duty on 30 November 1964. You received nonjudicial punishment on four occasions and were convicted by a summary court-martial. Your offenses included unauthorized absence (four instances totaling 17 days), disobeying a lawful order, disrespect (two instances), failure to obey a lawful order, missing the movement of your ship, and breaking restriction. On 2 June 1966, you were diagnosed with a schizoid personality disorder which existed prior to your

enlistment. You were then administratively processed for separation due to your diagnosed personality disorder with a type warranted by service record characterization of service. On 7 July 1966, you were discharged from active duty with a general characterization of service due to unsuitability.

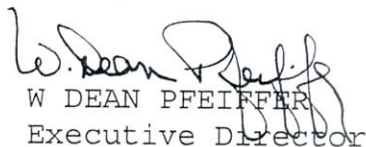
Character of service is based in part on conduct marks assigned on a periodic basis. Your conduct mark average was 2.0. A 3.0 conduct mark average was required for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board substantially concurred with the entitlement to awards summary that you are not entitled to the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and current desire to upgrade your discharge. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed due to your numerous acts of misconduct and insufficiently high conduct mark average. The Board believed you were fortunate to receive a general characterization of service, since Sailors who have committed misconduct such as yours normally receive other than honorable discharges. You are advised that no discharge is automatically upgraded due merely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. 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

Enclosures

Copy to:
The Honorable Betty Sutton