



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

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Docket No: 5467-01  
19 October 2001



Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 17 October 2001. 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 enlisted in the Navy on 15 March 1957 after serving for more than two years in the Army National Guard. The record reflects that you received two nonjudicial punishments and were convicted by a summary court-martial. The offenses included unauthorized absences totalling 14 days. Subsequently, on 23 December 1960 you were honorably separated and transferred to the Naval Reserve. On 11 September 1962 you received a general discharge from the Naval Reserve.

Character of service is based, in part, on one's conduct and overall traits averages, both of which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct and overall trait averages were 2.93 and 2.91, respectively. A minimum conduct mark of 3.0 was required for a fully honorable characterization of service at the time of separation.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board concluded that these factors were

not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant a fully honorable discharge. In this regard, your marks supported only a separation under honorable conditions on 23 December 1960, but for some reason, you were erroneously separated with a fully honorable characterization of service. 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