



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

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Docket No: 2796-01
31 January 2002



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 30 January 2002. 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 Marine Corps on 6 July 1977 at age 18. The record reflects that on 14 August 1978 you were convicted by a special court-martial of an unauthorized absence of 81 days.

A second special court-martial convened on 28 June 1979 and you were found guilty of unauthorized absences totalling 21 days. The court sentenced you to confinement for three months, forfeiture of \$265 per month for three months, and a bad conduct discharge. A psychiatric evaluation, conducted on 16 August 1979, found that you could tell right from wrong and adhere to the right. You received the bad conduct discharge on 27 February 1980.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and the contention that you had a psychotic breakdown on active duty. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to

the fact that your unauthorized absences totalled over three months. Furthermore, the evidence in your record shows that you had no mental problems. 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director