



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

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Docket No: 7229-02
15 November 2002

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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 14 November 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 Navy on 19 May 1983. The record reflects that on 18 March 1987 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey a lawful order and drunken or reckless driving. The punishment imposed consisted of a forfeiture of \$100, restriction and extra duty for 30 days, and reduction in pay grade that was suspended for six months. On 18 May 1987 you were honorably separated and transferred to the Naval Reserve.

With respect to your request that the NJP of 19 May 1983 be deleted so that you can receive a Good Conduct Medal, the Board presumed that the commanding officer acted reasonably in concluding, based on the evidence before him, that you committed the offenses.

Concerning your eligibility for the Good Conduct Medal, the requirements that existed during your enlistment were four years and no NJPs. Current requirements require three years but have not been made retroactive.

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