



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

SJN
Docket No: 04030-07
4 February 2008

Dear [REDACTED]

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 25 January 2008. 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 on 12 August 1968 at age 17. During the period from 1 April to 23 October 1969, you received four nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for three periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totaling 18 days, disobedience, and failure to go to your appointed place of duty.

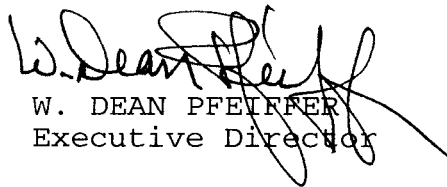
On 30 October 1969, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of two specifications of larceny. You were sentenced to confinement at hard labor, a forfeiture of pay, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). Shortly after your release from confinement at hard labor, you received a fifth NJP for not possessing a liberty card while on liberty. On 21 April 1970, you waived your request for restoration and requested the immediate execution of your BCD. You received the BCD after appellate review was completed.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, post service problems, and current medical issues. Nevertheless, the Board found that these

factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your five NJP's and conviction by SPCM for very serious offenses. 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