



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

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Docket No: 02577-09  
11 March 2010

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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 10 March 2010. 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.

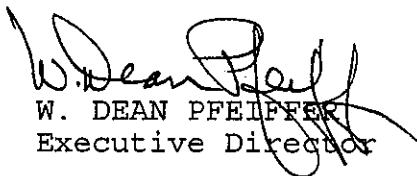
You reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 27 February 1976, at the age of 18. On 13 September 1976, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for a period of 31 days. On 17 January 1977, you received NJP for being UA for two days. On 1 March 1977, you received NJP for being absent from your appointed place of duty and UA for 19 days. On 12 July 1977, you received NJP for three additional periods of UA and being absent from your appointed place of duty. On 22 July 1977, you were notified that administrative discharge procedures were initiated and that you would receive a reenlistment code of RE-3C upon your separation. On 29 July 1977, the discharge authority directed a general discharge. You were so discharged on 5 August 1977.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your character of service, given your record of one four NJP's for misconduct. The Board also noted that you were fortunate to

receive a general discharge since a separation under other than honorable conditions is often directed when an individual is found to have committed misconduct. 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