



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

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Docket No: 00567-10
12 October 2010



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 5 October 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 enlisted in the Navy on 29 July 1971, at the age of 17. After a review of your record, it appears that you were separated correctly. Your record is incomplete, but on your medical history you disclosed that you received an injury to your hand at age eight. On 1 September 1971, you had experienced difficulties completing all required exercises while in basic training, and a Medical Review Board determined that you were inducted into the Navy erroneously and you were recommended for discharge. You received an honorable discharge with a reenlistment code of RE-4 upon your separation for a condition not a disability. You were so discharged on 3 September 1971.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to serve in the military. However, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your reason for separation or reenlistment code, given your medical condition. 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