



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

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Docket No: 02501-10
27 December 2010

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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 15 December 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 Marine Corps on 11 September 1972. On 20 February 1973, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for five days. On 12 March 1973, you received NJP for being UA for four days. On 21 June 1973, you received NJP for failure to obey a lawful order. On 17 August 1973, you were convicted at a special court-martial (SPCM) of being UA for 42 days. You were sentenced to forfeiture of \$612, confinement at hard labor for 90 days, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). You continued your misconduct by commencing two additional lengthy periods of UA totaling 78 days, but your chain of command decided not to take punishment action. However, on 28 February 1974, you received your fourth NJP for being UA a total of 69 days. The discharge authority directed the execution of your BCD. On 2 August 1974, after appellate review, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your record of four NJP's and conviction by one SPCM. 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