



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

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Docket No: 04330-10  
25 January 2011

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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 20 January 2011. 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.

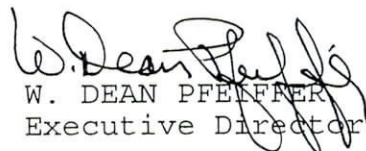
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 28 June 1979, and served without disciplinary incident until 30 October 1979, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongfully altering a public record. Shortly thereafter, you received the following disciplinary action: on 14 April 1980, you were convicted at a special court-martial of an unauthorized absence (UA) of 26 days, disobeying a lawful order (three specifications), and failure to go to your appointed place of duty (four specifications); and on 18 September 1980, you were convicted at a summary court-martial of UA of 36 days. Therefore, you were recommended for separation due to your serious misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, to include your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority approved the recommendation for an other than honorable (OTH) discharge. Therefore, on 7 November 1980, you were separated with an OTH discharge due to misconduct and an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and claim that your punishment was unjust. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your lengthy periods of UA. Furthermore, the Board found you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. 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