



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

TAL  
Docket No: 6252-10  
16 March 2011

MR. JEROME A. MENDELSON  
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Dear Mr. Mendelson:

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 9 March 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 Reserve and began a period of active duty on 13 February 1956 at age 18. You were counseled regarding your 12 unexcused absences from inactive duty training (IDT) and declared an unsatisfactory participant. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with a general discharge due to unsatisfactory participation. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 18 October 1958, you received the general discharge for unsatisfactory participation.

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 concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in over 12 unexcused absences. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Navy regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time or good conduct in civilian life. 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