



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

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Docket No: 06601-10
18 March 2011

MR DARLAN E GORDON
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

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 17 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 entered active duty in the Marine Corps on 14 May 1982. On 5 April 1984, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of marijuana. You were recommended for administrative discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). On 14 May 1984, your case was heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB), which voted three to zero in favor of an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). Your commanding officer concurred with the ADB's finding and recommended that you receive an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct (drug abuse). On 25 May 1984, you received the OTH due to misconduct (drug abuse). At that time you were assigned an RE-3B reenlistment code.

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 one NJP for drug abuse. 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