

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100 REC

Docket No: 06652-10 4 April 2011



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 30 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 Navy on 19 June 1965. On 3 October 1965, you were arrested by the Shelby County Sheriff and charged with larceny. On 4 October you commenced a period of unauthorized absence (UA) for 87 days. On 9 November 1965, you were convicted of larceny, sentenced to 30 days confinement, and a fine of \$25. On 12 January 1966, you submitted a request for a general discharge to escape trial by court-martial for the period of UA. On 24 January 1966, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions (OTH) by reason of misconduct. You waived your procedural right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 3 February 1966, the discharge authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct. On 17 February 1966, 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 civil conviction and

period of UA. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a more favorable 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,

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