



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

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Docket No: 08038-10  
21 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 20 April 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 14 January 1988, at the age of 20. On 25 July 1988, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for two days, wrongful appropriation of a fellow Marine's car and wrongful use of marijuana. On 17 July 1990, you received NJP for wrongfully violating an order to secure from liberty. On 29 October 1990, you received NJP for disobeying a regulation by having alcohol in the barracks. On 24 January 1991, you received NJP for being absent from your appointed place of duty. On 2 July 1991, you were convicted by a special court-martial (SPCM) of two incidents of being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status totaling 34 days, and wrongful use of marijuana. You were sentenced to a forfeiture of \$1,500, reduction in pay grade, confinement at hard labor for three months, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The discharge authority directed the execution of your BCD. On 16 January 1993, 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 a 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director