



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 10690-10  
8 August 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, 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 3 August 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 18 June 1976, at the age of 17. On 26 June 1978, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status, and wrongful appropriation of an unknown item. On 8 August 1978, you received NJP for being UA for 15 days, and disobeying a lawful order. On 3 June 1981, you were convicted at a special court-martial (SPCM) of being UA for 713 days. You were sentenced to forfeiture of \$1,320, reduction in pay grade, confinement at hard labor for 66 days, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). You continued your misconduct by receiving NJP on 13 January 1982, for being UA for ten hours. On 10 February 1982, you received NJP for being absent from your appointed place of duty on four occasions, and being derelict in the line of duty. The discharge authority directed the execution of your BCD. On 7 December 1984, 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 a conviction by one SPCM of misconduct. 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