



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

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Docket No: 1117-11  
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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 26 October 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

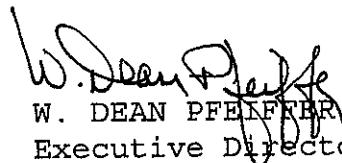
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered active duty on 3 April 1973. You received nonjudicial punishment on eight occasions for unauthorized absence (five periods totaling 40 days), conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, and failure to obey a lawful order. You were then notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with an other than honorable (OTH) characterization of service due to unfitness. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge

board (ADB). On 12 June 1975, you received an OTH characterization of service due to unfitness, and were assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge. The Board concluded, however, that your discharge should not be changed due to numerous acts of misconduct. The Board found that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. You are advised that no discharge is automatically upgraded due merely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. The Board believed that you were very fortunate to be receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs with your OTH characterization of service. In view of the above, 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