



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

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Docket No: 1817-11
9 November 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 8 November 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.

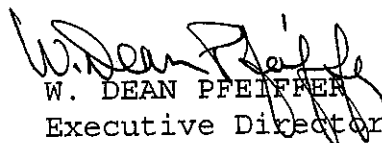
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered active duty on 28 March 1977. On 15 March 1979, you were convicted at a special court-martial of wrongfully possessing, selling and transferring a total of 27.04 grams of marijuana on two occasions, and wrongfully possessing 1.54 grams of marijuana on a third occasion. Your sentence included a bad conduct discharge (BCD). On 7 July 1980, after appellate review, you received the BCD.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, sobriety since discharge, and allegation that you wrongfully possessed marijuana on only one occasion. However, the Board concluded that your BCD should not be changed due to your serious acts of misconduct. The Board found that there is evidence in your record contrary to your allegation. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded due solely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. 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