



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 983-13  
22 October 2013



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 22 October 2013. 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 29 August 1975. You received nonjudicial punishment on four occasions for absence from your appointed place of duty (three instances), disobeying a lawful order (five instances), and failure to go to your appointed place of duty. You were then notified that you were being administratively processed for separation due to a condition, not a disability (pseudo folliculitis barbae) with a type warranted by your service record characterization of service. 03 March 1978, you were


discharged with a general characterization of service due to a condition, not a disability.

Character of service is based in part on conduct marks assigned on a periodic basis. Your conduct mark average was 3.9. A conduct mark average of 4.0 was required for a fully honorable discharge.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and current desire to upgrade your discharge. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed because of your misconduct and insufficiently high conduct mark average. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded due merely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. Finally, the Board believed that you were fortunate to have received a general characterization of service, since Marines who have committed misconduct such as yours normally receive other than honorable discharges. 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