



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

TRG
Docket No: 3802-99
24 September 1999

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 24 September 1999. 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 1 March 1973 at age 18. The record shows that you received nonjudicial punishment on seven occasions and were convicted by two summary courts-martial. Your offenses were three periods of unauthorized absence totaling about 15 days, several absences from your appointed place of duty, two instances of sleeping on post, theft of \$116 from a fellow Marine, disobedience and disrespect.

Based on the foregoing record of misconduct, you were processed for an administrative discharge. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your right to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board. On 30 May 1975 the discharge authority approved the recommendation of your commanding officer that you be discharged for unfitness with an undesirable discharge. You were so discharged on 10 June 1975.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, limited education and low score on the aptitude test. The Board found that these factors and contentions were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the frequency of your misconduct. The Board also noted the seriousness of stealing

money from a fellow Marine. The Board concluded that the discharge was proper as issued and no change is warranted.

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