



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

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Docket No: 2442-07
31 January 2008

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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 24 January 2008. 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 on 16 December 1985 at age 19. You then served in a satisfactory manner for almost 22 months. On 1 October 1987 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of a controlled substance. However, you were retained in the Marine Corps. On 13 April 1989, you again received NJP for wrongful use of a controlled substance.

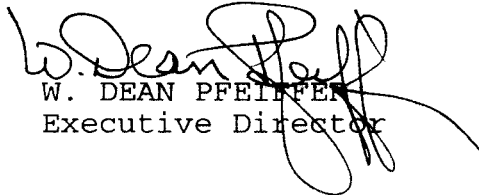
Based on the foregoing record of misconduct, you were processed for discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive the right to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board. After review, the discharge authority directed discharge under other than honorable conditions and you were so discharged on 16 June 1989.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your periods of good service and your contention, in effect, that the last incident of drug abuse was an isolated incident in an otherwise good record. The Board found that these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your multiple incidents of drug abuse. 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