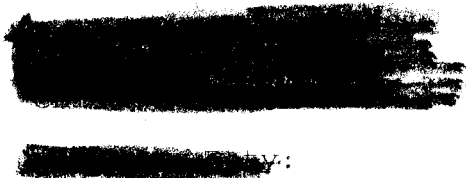




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 5741-07
25 February 2008



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 21 February 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

On 30 July 1987, you enlisted in the Naval Reserve at age 17 with parental consent and began a period of active service on 14 October 1987. On 1 February 1988, you had nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a day of unauthorized absence (UA). On 2 February 1988, you were counseled regarding deficiencies in your performance and conduct and warned that further infractions could result in disciplinary action or an other than honorable (OTH) discharge. On 9 August 1989, you were placed in the Family Advocacy Program and directed to attend a violence prevention program. On 22 September 1989, you had NJP for assault consummated by battery. On 1 November 1989, you were counseled regarding deficiencies in your performance and conduct and warned that further infractions could result in disciplinary action or an OTH discharge. On 2 January 1990, you were convicted in civil court of driving under the influence. The sentence included a fine, confinement, public service, completion of a substance abuse program, and probation. On 15 January 1990, you began a UA that ended on 3 February 1990, a period of about 19 days. On

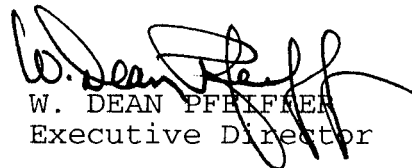
5 February 1990, you had NJP for the UA, missing the movement of your ship, willful disobedience of a lawful order, assault consummated by battery, and breaking restriction.

On 7 February 1990, your commanding officer initiated administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense, civil conviction, and a pattern of misconduct. In connection with this processing, you acknowledged that separation could result in an OTH discharge and waived the right to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 6 April 1990, the separation authority approved the separation recommendation and directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. On 16 April 1990, you were so discharged.

~~The Board, in its review of your entire record and application,~~ carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your youth. The Board also considered your belief that you were discharged due to family issues. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to the seriousness of your misconduct that continued even after you were counseled regarding deficiencies in your performance and conduct and warned that further infractions could result in an OTH discharge. Regarding your contention, the record shows that you were discharged due to a pattern of misconduct, not family issues. Finally, the Board noted that you waived the right to have your case heard by an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a more favorable characterization of service. Therefore, 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