



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

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Docket No: 8336-07  
10 July 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 8 July 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 Navy on 23 January 1986 at age 18. Subsequently, you completed initial training and on 20 May 1986, you reported to your first duty station. During the period from 24 August 1986 to 30 April 1987, you received nonjudicial punishment on four occasions. Your offenses were several absences from your appointed place of duty, multiple instances of disobedience, disrespect and misbehavior as a lookout.

Based on the foregoing record, you were processed for an administrative discharge by reason of a pattern of misconduct. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive the right to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board. After review, the separation authority directed discharge under other than honorable conditions and you were so discharged on 6 August 1987.

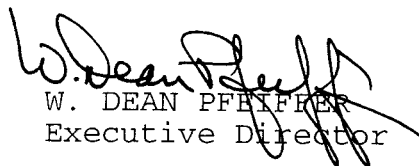
In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and contention in effect that you became depressed and paranoid while in the Navy and your mental illness was not recognized by your command. You have submitted a letter from a psychologist at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater. He states that your current

diagnoses include Paranoid Schizophrenia. It is also noted that you are incarcerated serving a life sentence. The offenses you committed which resulted in this sentence are not stated. The Board found that these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your multiple instances of misconduct while in the Navy. There is no evidence in your Navy record and you have submitted none to show that you were mentally ill while in the Navy or if you were that it was sufficient to mitigate your misconduct. 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