



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

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Docket No: 08589-07  
22 September 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 16 September 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.

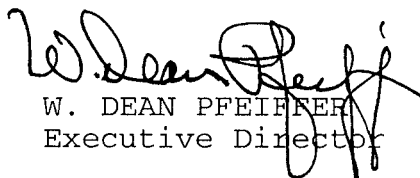
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 10 July 1979 at age 18. You served over three years without incident until 25 March 1983, when you received nonjudicial punishment for wrongful use of LSD. You remained on active duty until you were honorably released from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserve on 8 July 1983. At that time, you were not recommended for reenlistment due to your inability to perform well in a standard Navy work center and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code. You were so discharged on 15 October 1984 after completion of your required service.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and the reason you were not permitted to reenlist. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the reenlistment code. In this regard, an RE-4 reenlistment code is required when a Sailor is separated at the expiration of his term of active obligated service and is not recommended for retention. 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,



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Executive Director