



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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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 21 October 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.

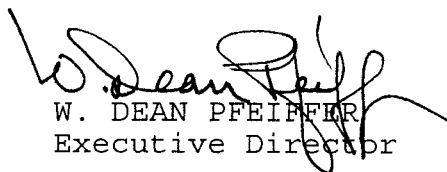
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 12 July 1988 at age 19. On 17 October 1988, you began a period of unauthorized absence (UA). On 13 October 1989, while still in a UA status, you were apprehended by civil authorities for third degree theft.

Based on the information currently contained in your record, you appeared in court on 5 January 1990. You were released with time served, and returned to military control on 10 January 1990. Additionally, it appears that you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of 452 days of UA and received the bad conduct discharge after appellate review was completed.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and post-service accomplishments. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your civil conviction and UA period lasting over 15 months. 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