



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

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Docket No: 1190-08
6 April 2009

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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 1 April 2009. 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.

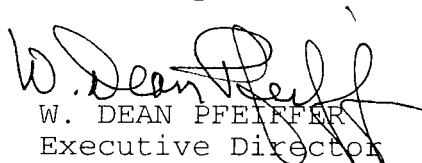
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 28 June 1984. A general court-martial convened on 2 August 1985 and found you guilty of an unauthorized absence, driving without a permit, drunk driving, wrongful use of marijuana, and importing marijuana on a military aircraft. The court sentenced you to confinement for nine months, forfeiture of \$400.00 pay per month for nine months, reduction in rank, and a bad conduct discharge. You were separated from the Marine Corps with a bad conduct discharge on 23 July 1986.

The Board did not accept your unsubstantiated contention to the effect that your misconduct was related to the symptoms of undiagnosed schizophrenia, posttraumatic stress disorder, and bipolar disorder. The Board concluded that in view of the nature and severity of your offenses, your service was properly characterized a bad conduct discharge. Accordingly, and as you have not demonstrated that it would be in the interest of justice to upgrade your discharge as a matter of clemency, 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