



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

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Docket No: 02899-08
10 December 2008



This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 10 December 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 3 September 1986, and served without disciplinary incident until 27 May 1988, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for illegal drug usage. You were given a page 13 warning and allowed to stay in the service.

Shortly thereafter, you were received the following NJP's: on 3 October 1988, for an unlawful entry and failure to obey a lawful written order, and on 9 December 1988, for illegal drug usage. You were offered substance abuse treatment, and had the right to talk with an attorney, however, you elected not to consult with counsel. On 5 January 1989, you were recommended to be separated with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. On 12 January 1989, the separation authority approved these recommendations and directed an OTH discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code, and on 25 January 1989, you were so

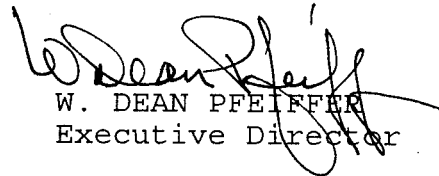
discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, post service conduct, and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your misconduct. 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