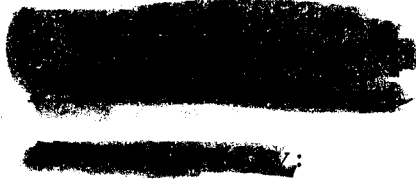




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

CRS
Docket No: 8254-08
15 January 2009



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 29 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Commandant of Marine Corps dated 10 October 2008, a copy of which is attached.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, and notwithstanding the advisory opinion from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

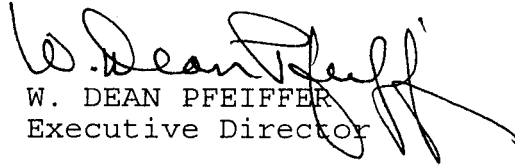
The Board found no merit in your contention that the nonjudicial punishment (NJP) you received on 15 February 2005 lacks signatures and is incomplete. Although one section of your official military personnel file (OMPF) contains an incomplete record of NJP, a different section contains a properly completed record of the NJP, to include appropriate signatures. It is clear that neither you nor the author of the advisory opinion reviewed your entire OMPF.

The Board concluded that your commanding officer acted reasonably in your case, and that he was in the best position to resolve the factual issues and to impose appropriate punishment. There is no credible evidence that you did not commit the charged offenses. 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

