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

JSR
Docket No: 9341-08
4 December 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.

You requested removing the fitness reports for 17 August 2001 to 16 January 2002, 17 January to 17 June 2002, 15 May to 31 December 2003 and 25 September to 31 December 2004.

It is noted that the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) has directed modifying the contested reports for 17 August 2001 to 16 January 2002 and 17 January to 17 June 2002 by changing the entry in section A, item 8.a, from "X" (required to fire pistol but did not fire) to "N" (not required to qualify with pistol); and the report for 15 May to 31 December 2003 by removing, from section I (reporting senior's "Directed and Additional Comments"), "one weakness [you have] made good improvement on is [your] general leadership abilities as a Staff NCO [noncommissioned officer]" and from section K.4 (reviewing officer's comments) "Bearing good, and improving."

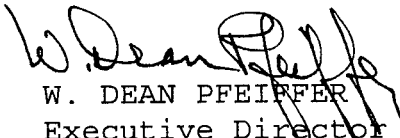
A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 December 2008. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. 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. In addition, the Board considered the

the report of the HQMC Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) dated 24 September 2008, a copy of which is attached.

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. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the report of the PERB. Accordingly, your application for relief beyond that effected by CMC 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

Enclosure