



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

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Docket No: 10094-08
24 August 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 18 August 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

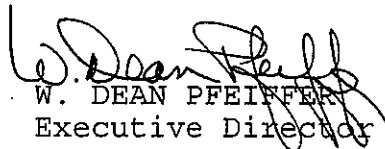
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 1 December 1958 at age 17. During the period from 24 July 1961 to 12 February 1962, you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for two periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totaling seven days, and failing inspection. On 13 February 1962, you were admitted to the hospital after an overdose of pills. On 23 February 1962, a psychiatric evaluation stated, in part, that you had a history of suicidal gestures, difficulty of mounting tension, sleeplessness, and suffering with depression and irritability. Based on this information, you were diagnosed with a personality disorder.

Based on the information currently contained in your record it appears that administrative separation action was initiated by reason of unsuitability due to the diagnosed personality disorder. You would have been afforded all of your procedural rights including the opportunity to submit a statement on your behalf. Your commanding general directed separation by reason of unsuitability with a general discharge. You were so discharged on 5 June 1962.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your characterization of service given the three NJP's and diagnosed personality disorder. 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