



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

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Docket No: 10664-08
19 March 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 7 January 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.

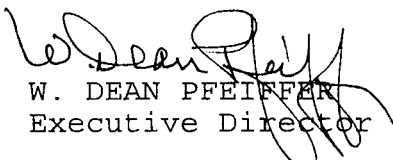
The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 28 October 2002. On 10 November 2004 you were convicted by a summary court-martial of use of amphetamines and methamphetamines. On 15 December 2004 your commanding officer recommended that you be separated from the Navy with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. When informed of the recommendation, you waived your right to an administrative discharge board. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and on 20 April 2005 you were separated with a discharge under other than honorable conditions.

The Board did not accept your unsubstantiated contention to the effect that you suffered from posttraumatic stress disorder upon your return from a deployment to Haiti, and used alcohol and illegal drugs to control the symptoms of that disorder. Accordingly, and as you have not demonstrated that it would be in the interest of justice for the Board to recharacterize your service, 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