



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

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Docket No: 00892-09
9 November 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 28 October 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.

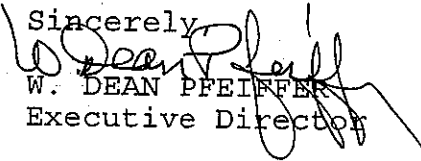
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 25 August 1983 at age 19. On 16 April 1984, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation that diagnosed you with a personality disorder. During the evaluation it was stated, in part, that you expressed no motivation for continued service, related depressive symptoms and significant stress. You expressed vague suicidal ideation with no serious intent but potential for a manipulative gesture. On 27 April 1984, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) for a 26 day period of unauthorized absence (UA). On 21 May 1984, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey an order. On 11 June 1984, you were notified of a recommendation for administrative separation. Based on the information currently contained in your record it appears that you were subsequently processed for a discharge with a characterization of general by reason of convenience of the government due to your diagnosed personality disorder. You were so discharged on 27 June 1984.

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 recharacterization of your discharge given the diagnosis of a personality disorder and your misconduct resulting in NJP and conviction by SCM. 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