



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

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Docket No: 1360-09
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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 12 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 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 30 May 2000. On 29 October 2002 you were convicted by a summary court-martial of an unauthorized absence of 192 days. The court sentenced you to confinement for 25 days.

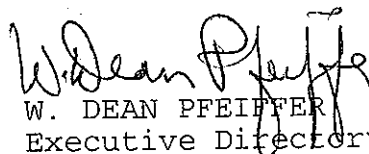
On 13 February 2003 your commanding officer recommended that you be separated from the Navy with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to the commission of a serious offense, i.e., the 192 day period of unauthorized absence. After being informed of the recommendation for separation, you waived the right to present your case to an administrative discharge board. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved, and on 7 March 2003 you were separated with a discharge under other than honorable conditions and assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

The Board carefully considered your contention to the effect that your reentry code should be corrected because you absented yourself without authority in order to be with your dying mother. The Board concluded, however, that as the assignment of a reentry code of RE-4 is required when an individual is discharged by reason of misconduct, and as you have not demonstrated that it

would be in the interest of justice for the Board to grant an exception to that policy, there is no basis for any corrective action in your case. 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