



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10, 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 13 January 2010. 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 Navy on 20 November 1978, and served without disciplinary incident until 21 July 1980, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two specifications of failure to obey a lawful order (possession of a controlled substance and failing to have a military identification card on your person).


Shortly thereafter, you received the following NJP's: on 16 July 1981, for failure to obey a lawful order by possessing marijuana onboard a U.S. naval vessel. On 16 December 1981, although you were allowed to reenlist, you continued your misconduct by receiving another NJP on 21 July 1982, for entering a restricted area without authorization; and on 8 February 1983, for driving while under the influence of alcohol and being intoxicated while on duty. Therefore, you were recommended for separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to your misconduct. You

were advised of your procedural rights, and waived your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority approved the recommendation and on 25 March 1983, you were separated with an OTH discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the characterization of your discharge due to your misconduct. Furthermore, the Board found you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, there is no provision in the law or regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director