



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

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Docket No: 3783-09
23 February 2010

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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 3 February 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.

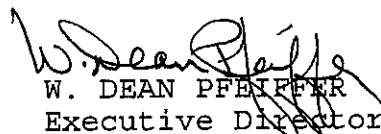
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 27 February 1987 at age 20. On 18 January 1989, a unit sweep urinalysis was conducted, and your specimen tested positive for cocaine. On 1 February 1989, you were notified of consideration for discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 2 February 1989, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of a controlled substance, cocaine. You elected to consult with legal counsel and subsequently requested an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 22 May 1989, an ADB unanimously found that you had committed misconduct and recommended that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions. On 9 June 1989, you received NJP for unauthorized absence from your appointed place of duty and making a false official statement. Subsequently, on 13 June 1989, your commanding officer concurred with the ADB and forwarded your case to the discharge authority for review. On 9 July 1989, the separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 11 July 1989, you

again received NJP for wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 18 July 1989 you received the OTH discharge and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

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 concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct. 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