

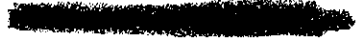


DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 9224-09

26 May 2010



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 26 May 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board found that you received an honorable discharge from the Navy for the period from 11 December 1978 to 22 December 1982. On 23 December 1982, you reenlisted. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on two occasions for wrongful use of marijuana. After your first NJP, you were counseled regarding your drug abuse and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). You waived all of your procedural

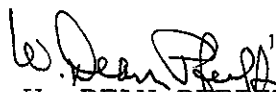
rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 12 October 1983, you received the OTH discharge for misconduct (drug abuse), and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and alcohol abuse. However, the Board found that your OTH discharge should not be changed due to your repeated drug abuse. The Board noted that you committed further misconduct after being counseled and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. The Board also noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. In view of the above, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board noted that you may be entitled to Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) benefits based on your prior honorable service. You may wish to contact your local office of the DVA for a determination.

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