



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

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Docket No: 12142-09
25 August 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 25 August 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.

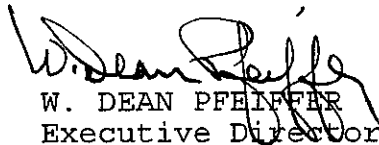
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 1 November 1974, at age 17. On 13 November 1974, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two instances of disobeying a lawful order. On 27 October 1975, you received NJP for being disrespectful in language and mannerisms. On 7 August 1975, you received NJP for two instances of being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status, and exceeding the directed liberty limits. On 24 November 1975, you received NJP for being UA. On 22 January 1976, you received NJP for dereliction in your duties. On 23 February 1976, you received NJP for assault with a weapon with intent to do bodily harm, unlawfully discharging a firearm, failing to register a weapon on base, and leaving your post without being properly relieved. On 14 April 1976, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. The discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of

misconduct. On 25 May 1976, you were so discharged. At that time you 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, conduct, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the reenlistment code or characterization of your discharge, given your record of six NJP's for misconduct. In this regard, an RE-4 reenlistment code is required when an individual is discharged prior to the expiration of his term of active obligated service for misconduct and is not recommended for retention. 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