



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

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Docket No: 01051-10
15 October 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, 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 14 October 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.

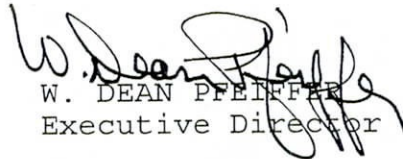
You enlisted in the Navy on 25 September 1962, at the age of 17. On 19 February 1963, you were in an unauthorized absence (UA) status, but your chain of command chose not to punish you. On 1 July 1963, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being UA nine days. On 8 August 1963, you received NJP for possession and consumption of alcohol as a minor. On 20 September 1963, a mental health evaluation was conducted, and you were diagnosed with a passive aggressive personality disorder. You admitted to cutting your left pinky finger off and planned to throw it on the legal officer's desk to get out of the Navy. With the diagnosis, you were recommended for discharge. You were notified that administrative discharge procedures were initiated and that you would receive a general discharge upon your separation. You were so discharged on 29 October 1963.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant any change in your character of service, given your record of two NJP's for

misconduct and your diagnosed personality disorder. The Board also noted that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge since a separation under other than honorable conditions is often directed when an individual is found to have committed 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