



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 1546-10  
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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 October 2010. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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.

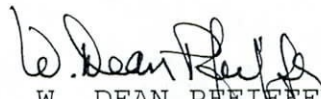
You enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 31 December 1980 at age 19 and began a period of active duty on 23 February 1981. You served for a year without disciplinary infraction, but during the period from 23 to 29 March 1982, you were in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for six days.

On 7 April 1983 you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. The punishment imposed was restriction and extra duty for 45 days, reduction to paygrade E-1, and a \$572 forfeiture of pay. Shortly thereafter, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After waiving your procedural rights, the discharge authority directed your commanding officer to issue you an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse, and on 27 May 1983, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, post service conduct, and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertion that your misconduct was the result of trying to fit in and being involved with the wrong crowd. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your drug related misconduct which resulted in an NJP. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself, but waived your procedural right to present your case to an administrative discharge board. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you submitted none, to support your assertion. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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