



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

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Docket No: 05178-10
3 March 2011

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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 2 March 2011. 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.

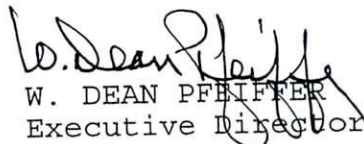
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 23 April 1990. In December 1992, you completed a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. On 10 March 1994, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for the wrongful use of amphetamines and methamphetamines. On 23 March 1994, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct. On 15 April 1994, you were diagnosed as alcohol and drug dependent after your completion of Level III chemical dependence rehabilitation. On 17 May 1994, your case was heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB), which voted three to zero in favor of an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). On 9 June 1994, you received NJP for the wrongful use of methamphetamines. On 27 June 1994, your commanding officer concurred with the ADB's finding and recommended that you be discharged with an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct (drug abuse). On 7 July 1994, the discharge authority directed the OTH discharge by reason of misconduct. On 26 September 1994, you received the OTH discharge due to misconduct. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the reason or characterization of your discharge given your record of two NJP's for drug abuse (use). An RE-4 reentry code is required when an individual is discharged due to misconduct such as drug abuse. 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