



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

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Docket No: 06979-10  
19 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, 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 16 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.

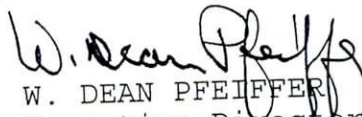
You enlisted in the Navy on 26 January 1987, and served without disciplinary incident until 11 July 1988, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for disobeying a lawful regulation, and being drunk on duty. Shortly thereafter, you received the following disciplinary actions: 22 February 1989, you were convicted at a special court-martial of an unauthorized absence (UA) in excess of nine weeks; on 27 April 1989, you received NJP for UA; on 31 August 1989, you received NJP for UA, and the use of illegal and controlled substances (marijuana and cocaine); and on 13 September 1989, you received NJP for UA. Therefore, you were recommended for separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to your repeated acts of misconduct. You waived all of your procedural rights, to include your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority approved the recommendation for an OTH discharge. Therefore, on 26 October 1989, you were separated with an OTH discharge and an

RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your numerous acts of misconduct. Furthermore, the Board found you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director