



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

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Docket No: 11006-10
20 July 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 19 July 2011. 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 Navy on 7 July 2005 at age 20, began a period of active duty on 28 July 2005, and served without disciplinary incident.

On 9 March 2006, after undergoing a medical evaluation, you stated that you did not abuse alcohol prior to enlistment. However, about a month later, on 11 April 2006, you self-referred for participation in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program due to alcohol abuse. On 17 April 2006 you were diagnosed with alcohol dependence and recommended for inpatient treatment, which included attending weekly Alcohol Anonymous (AA) meetings, taking Antabuse, and refraining from consuming alcoholic beverages. Nonetheless, it appears that you refused to participate in the program and were recommended for an administrative separation.

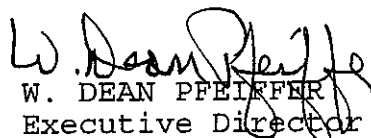
On 12 May 2006 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government due to alcohol rehabilitation failure. After waiving your procedural

rights, your commanding officer recommended an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to alcohol rehabilitation failure. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed and on 10 July 2006, you were so discharged and assigned 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, participation in post service rehabilitation, and desire to change your reenlistment code so that you may reenlist. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your record because of your failure to participate in an alcohol rehabilitation program. 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,


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Executive Director