



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 11323-10

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 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 19 July 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.

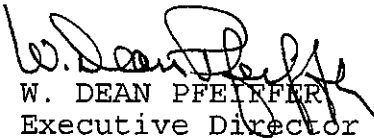
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 5 January 1981. The Board found that you received five nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for disobedience, dereliction of duty, disrespect, and two instances of wrongful use of marijuana. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to drug use. Additionally, you were counseled and warned after your third NJP, that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. Your commanding officer stated, in part, that your continued disregard for the Navy's zero tolerance policy clearly indicated your unwillingness to conform to standards. On 22 December 1984, the discharge authority concurred and directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug use. You were so discharged on 18 January 1985.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service, and successful completion of the Star Program. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your five NJP's, two of which were for drug use, and the fact that you were warned of the consequences of further misconduct and drug use after your third NJP. Finally, the Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance 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