



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

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Docket No: 12680-10
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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 20 January 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 reenlisted in the Navy on 23 December 1985 after more than three years of prior honorable service. On 3 October 1991, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a two day period of unauthorized absence from your unit and wrongful use of cocaine. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 14 November 1991, the separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct (drug abuse). On 25 November 1991 you were so discharged.

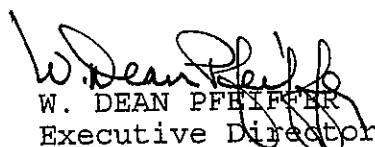
The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, prior honorable service, and overall last record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct. The Board noted you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. Finally, no discharge is automatically upgraded due to passage of time or an individual's

good behavior after discharge. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board believes that you may be eligible for veterans' benefits which accrued during your prior period of honorable service. However, your eligibility is a matter under the cognizance of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). In this regard, you should contact the nearest DVA office concerning your rights, specifically, whether or not you are eligible for benefits based on this period of service.

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