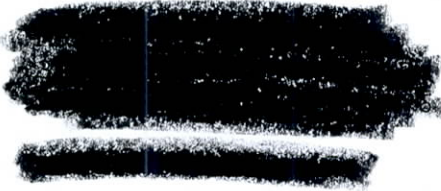




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 519-13/  
227-13  
24 October 2013



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 October 2013. 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 and began a period of active duty on 12 July 1966. You served without disciplinary incident until 18 November 1967 when you convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of two periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling 44 days.

On 15 December 1967, after being referred for a psychiatric examination due to having difficulty handling situations which made you uncomfortable and caused you to go UA, specifically, your feelings toward other men and thoughts of being a homosexual. Subsequently, you were diagnosed with a character behavior disorder as evidenced by an inadequate personality disorder and were recommended for an administrative separation. Shortly thereafter, you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of unsuitability due to the diagnosed inadequate personality. On 15 February 1968 your commanding

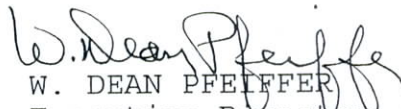
officer recommended separation by reason of unsuitability due to the diagnosed inadequate personality. On 6 March 1968 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation which stated, in part, that the characterization of service should be that which was the type warranted by your service record. As such, on 18 March 1968, you were issued a general discharge by reason of unsuitability.

Character of service is based, in part, on conduct and overall trait averages which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct average was 2.6. An average of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your personal statement, desire to change the characterization of your discharge, and assertion that your reason for discharge is not valid. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your lengthy periods of UA which resulted in SPCM, and since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant an honorable discharge. Finally, there is documentation in the record that is contrary to your assertion. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFETFFER  
Executive Director