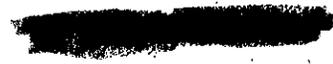




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 5428-09  
14 April 2010



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 13 April 2010. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board found that you entered active duty in the Navy on 13 November 1978 and were honorably discharged on 8 July 1982. You reenlisted on 9 July 1982. On 24 June 1983, you received an adverse performance evaluation. You received nonjudicial punishment on two occasions. Your offenses included three specifications of unauthorized absence, two specifications of wrongful possession and use of marijuana, and wrongful introduction of marijuana on board a military installation. You were notified of administrative discharge processing for misconduct (drug abuse) with an other than

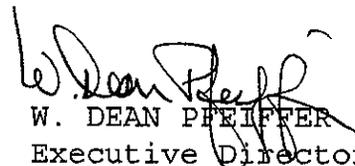
honorable (OTH) discharge. After being advised of your procedural rights, you waived your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). You received the OTH discharge on 25 June 1984 for misconduct (drug abuse), and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and remorse. However, the Board concluded that your OTH discharge should not be changed because of your repeated serious drug-related misconduct. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. In view of the above, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board noted that you may be eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) benefits based on your first honorable discharge. You may contact the DVA for clarification of these benefits.

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