



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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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 15 October 2003. 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 26 August 1980 at age 19 and had no disciplinary actions.

On 23 April 1981 you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation because of your suicidal fantasy. After undergoing a psychiatric evaluation, you denied that any particular factors led to your history of suicidal thought, except for normal adjustment difficulties to adult life. No mental disease was found and you were deemed responsible for your actions. The evaluation did, however, reveal that you were disgruntled with the military. The psychiatrist also stated that there was doubt as to your sincerity of a suicide threat, however, you might attempt a suicide gesture as a means to show your unhappiness with being in the military. At that time you were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation.

On 20 July 1981 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government due to being a burden to the command. At that time you waived your right to consult with legal counsel and to make a statement in

response to the discharge action. Subsequently, the discharge authority directed a general discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to substandard performance and an inability to adapt to military service. On 30 July 1981 you were so separated and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

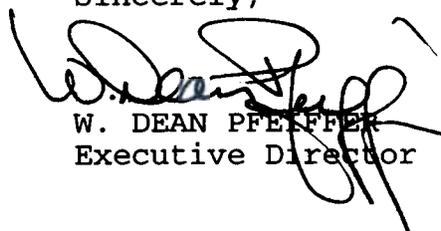
Character of service is based, in part, on conduct and overall trait averages which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct average was 2.7. An average of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity, and your assertions that you were not a burden to the command, the alcohol and drug use of other service members made your military life miserable, and you now feel that you should have requested a transfer instead of being discharged from the Navy. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant an honorable discharge. 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 PFEFFER
Executive Director