



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 03068-03
15 September 2003

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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 5 September 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

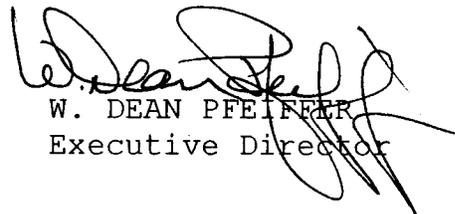
The Board found that you underwent a physical examination on 12 November 1982, and were found physically qualified for duty and reenlistment. You were released from active duty and discharged on 13 December 1982, upon the expiration of your enlistment. Following your discharge, the Department of Veterans Affairs denied your request for service connection for a mental disorder, after determining that you did not suffer from a mental disorder that was incurred in or aggravated by your military service.

The Board rejected your unsubstantiated contention to the effect that you were discharged from the Marine Corps because you were

suffering from a bipolar disorder, or that you were unfit for duty because of a disability incurred in or aggravated by your naval service. It noted that your service records do not indicate that you were diagnosed or treated for a mental disorder during your enlistment, and that you were found fit for duty on 12 November 1982, when you underwent a pre-separation physical examination. 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