



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

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Docket No: 3688-07  
11 February 2008

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 7 February 2008. 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 28 November 1978 at age 18 and served for nearly a year without disciplinary incident. However, during the period from 4 January to 25 June 1980, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on three occasions for two periods of unauthorized absence(UA) totalling 18 days, two periods of absence from your appointed place of duty, wrongful possession of marijuana, and two periods of failure to go to your appointed place of duty.

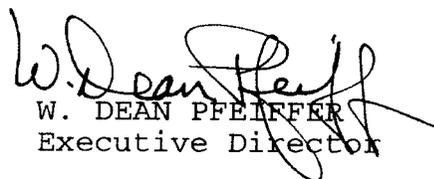
On 31 July 1980 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. After consulting with legal counsel you waived your right to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 10 August 1980 your commanding officer recommended an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. On 4 October 1980 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed an other than honorable discharge, and on 21 October 1980 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade your discharge. It also considered your assertion that you were injured while in basic training. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct, which resulted in three NJPs and included drug abuse. Finally, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself, but waived your procedural right to present your case to an ADB. 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