



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

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Docket No: 3747-07
15 February 2008

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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 12 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 18 July 1980 at age 18 and served without disciplinary incident until 31 March 1981, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for sleeping on post. The punishment imposed was a reduction to paygrade E-2.

On 14 January 1983 you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of a 272 day period of unauthorized absence (UA). You were sentenced to a \$1,1460 forfeiture of pay, reduction to paygrade E-1, confinement at hard labor for three months, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). After the BCD was approved at all levels of review, on 3 May 1984 you were so discharged.

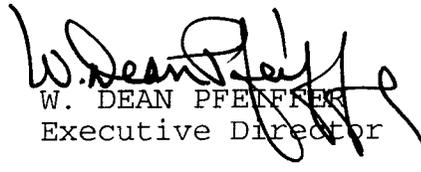
The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and post service conduct, to include the character reference letters submitted in support of your case.

Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your lengthy period of UA from the Navy. 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