



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

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Docket No: 04038-07
4 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 24 January 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.

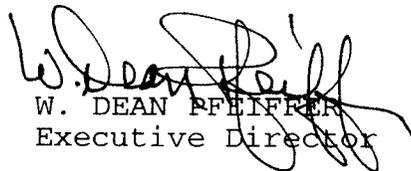
You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 1 April 1969 at age 19. Based on the information currently contained in your record it appears that on 19 March 1970, during a medical evaluation, you admitted to use various drugs and were experiencing flashbacks. On 14 May 1970, your commanding officer recommended that you be honorably discharged by reason of unfitness. However, On 4 August 1970, an administrative discharge board (ADB), recommended that you be discharged under honorable conditions due to unfitness. Subsequently, the discharge authority concurred with the ADB and directed that you receive a general discharge. You were so discharged on 24 August 1970.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and post service accomplishments. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your

discharge or a change to your reenlistment code given the medical report and your admission of drug abuse. 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,


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Executive Director