



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

TRG  
Docket No: 5262-07  
23 January 2008

Dear [REDACTED]

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

You enlisted in the Navy on 7 September 1977 for four years at age 17. During the period from 16 January 1978 to 11 October 1981, you received nonjudicial punishment on 11 occasions. Your offenses were two periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totaling about 122 days, 20 other incidents of apparently short periods of UA, possession of a controlled substance, wrongful appropriation and disobedience. You were released from active duty on 14 January 1982 with your service characterized as being under honorable conditions. Subsequently, you were issued a general discharge at the end of your military obligation.

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

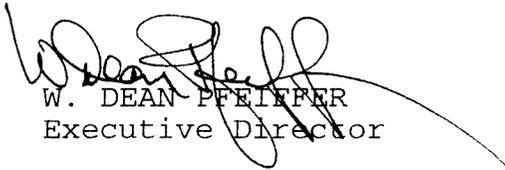
In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, low score on the aptitude test and the contention that alcoholism led to your

record of misconduct. The Board found that these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your extensive disciplinary record and your failure to receive the required average mark in conduct. The Board believed that you were fortunate to have been released from active duty with your service characterized as being under honorable conditions and concluded that recharacterization of your discharge to fully honorable was not warranted.

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