



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

CRS  
Docket No: 7746-07  
25 July 2008



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 2 July 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.

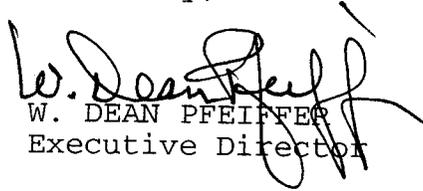
The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 12 September 1980. You received two nonjudicial punishments for wrongful use of marijuana. On 16 January 1986 an administrative discharge board recommended that you be separated from the Navy with a general discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved, and you received a general discharge on 7 May 1986.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your belief that the discharge was unfair and that you have had difficulty in finding employment. The Board concluded that those factors were insufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge or a change in the reason for the discharge, given your involvement with illegal drugs. 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