



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

TJR  
Docket No: 7844-07  
4 September 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 3 September 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 30 December 1981 at age 18 and served without disciplinary incident until 14 January 1983, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for absence from your appointed place of duty. On 20 April 1983 you received NJP for two periods of absence from your appointed place of duty and destroying government property. The punishment imposed was a \$300 forfeiture of pay, extra duty and restriction for 45 days, and reduction to paygrade E-1. About three months later, on 28 July 1983, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of three periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling 47 days and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for 25 days and a \$250 forfeiture of pay.

On 18 August 1983, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. At that time you waived your right to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative

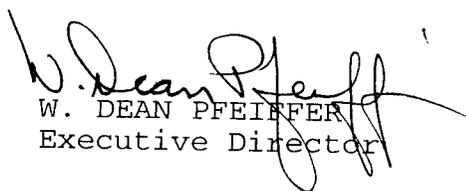
discharge board (ADB). Subsequently, your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed an other than honorable discharge, and on 15 September 1983 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 have your discharge upgraded so that you may obtain medical benefits. 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 two NJPs and a court-martial conviction. 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