



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

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Docket No: 8132-07
8 October 2008



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 7 October 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 Naval Reserve on 8 April 1987 at age 19 and began a period of active duty on 10 April 1987. You served about seven months without disciplinary incident, but on 10 December 1987, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on two occasions for two periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling six days, missing the movement of your ship, disobedience, failure to obey a lawful order, resisting arrest, destruction of government property, and 10 specifications of an unspecified offense.

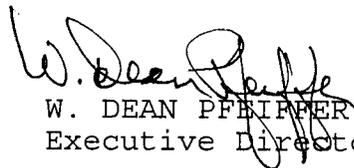
On 30 December 1987 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. At that time you waived your right to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). Subsequently, your commanding officer recommended an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. On 6 January 1988 the discharge authority approved this recommendation, and on 28 January 1988, 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 assertion that your mother's health was not considered as a factor when you were discharged. It also considered your assertion that you were not afforded legal representation. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your repetitive misconduct. Finally, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself, but waived your procedural rights 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,


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Executive Director