



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

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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 21 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 Navy on 15 November 1985 at age 18. You served without disciplinary infraction until 19 May 1986, when you began a period of unauthorized absence (UA) that was not terminated until 2 June 1986. Although this misconduct was pending nonjudicial punishment, the record does not reflect that any such action was taken.

On 23 June 1986, you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation because of a suspected personality disorder. At that time you reported a history of behavior problems and violent, destructive, and injurious behavior towards those you perceived to be homosexual, a feeble attempt at suicide, being dropped from 'A' School due to your poor academic performance, and facing legal problems related to a charge of assault. You were diagnosed with a severe antisocial personality disorder with borderline features and episodic alcohol abuse, and recommended for an administrative discharge.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At that time you did not object to the discharge. On 1 July 1986 your commanding officer recommended discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 3 July 1986 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed discharge under honorable conditions by reason of other physical/mental condition as evidenced by the diagnosed personality disorder. On 18 July 1986 you were issued a general discharge and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

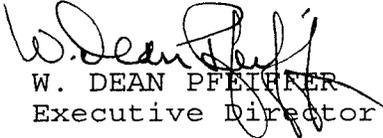
Character of service is based, in part, on conduct and overall trait averages which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct average was 1.0. An average of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to reenlist. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge or changes to your narrative reason for separation or reenlistment code because of your diagnosed personality disorder, period of UA, and since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant an honorable discharge. 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