



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

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Docket No: 09953-07
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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 3 February 2009. 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.

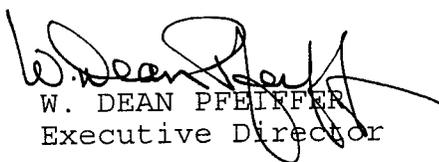
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 25 June 1980 at age 17. During the period from 5 December 1980 to 19 May 1983, you received five nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for a brief unauthorized absence (UA), absence from your appointed place of duty, two instances of dereliction of duty, disobedience, and a breach of the peace. Additionally, you were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action.

On 29 August 1983, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your right to consult with counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded with the recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. On 1 September 1983, you received a sixth NJP for 15 days of UA and larceny. On 26 September 1983, the discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct. On 14 October 1983 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your record of six NJP's, two of which were imposed after you were counseled and warned concerning the consequences of further misconduct. Further, you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better characterization of service. 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