

that all of his offenses resulted from a serious problem with alcohol which had its onset prior to his enlistment. Due to his three NJPs Petitioner was separated with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge. At the time of his separation he had served over three years of his four year active duty obligation.

d. In the 20 years following his discharge it appears that Petitioner has overcome his problems with alcohol and established himself as a well respected member of his community.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that as a matter of clemency Petitioner's OTH discharge should be upgraded to general. The Board's recommendation is based on (1) the minor nature of his offenses which were the result of alcohol abuse (2) the fact that he completed over three years of active duty and (3) in the 20 plus years he that has had to carry the stigma of an OTH discharge he established himself as a valued member of his community. Accordingly, the Board believes that the interests of justice would be better served by granting his request.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 1 March 1988 he received a general discharge under honorable conditions in lieu of the other than honorable actually issued on that date.

b. That upon request, the Department of Veterans' Affairs be informed that Petitioner's request was received by the Board on 12 November 2007.

c. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

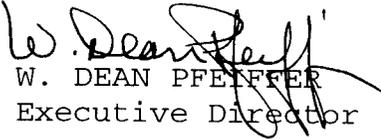
4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder

BRIAN J. GEORGE
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having ensured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the provisions of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director