



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

SMS
Docket No: 305-08
21 August 2008



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 20 August 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.

On 13 September 2007, enlistment processing documents were completed in which you denied ever using illegal drugs. On 19 September 2007, you enlisted in the Navy Reserve at age 19 and began a period of active service on 13 November 2007. Based on the information currently contained in the record, it appears that your commanding officer subsequently recommended you for an entry level separation by reason of fraudulent entry due to drug abuse. In connection with this processing, you would have acknowledged the separation action and been given an opportunity to submit a statement. Apparently, the separation authority approved the discharge recommendation. On 20 December 2007, you were discharged with an entry level separation by reason of fraudulent entry due to drug abuse and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations authorize the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to members who are discharged due to fraudulent entry.

Given your failure to disclose pre-service drug use during the enlistment process and your admission that your drug abuse stopped long before you enlisted, and since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Dean Pfeiffer".

For W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director