



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

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Docket No: 3006-08  
24 March 2009

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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 11 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 10 December 1982. You received five nonjudicial punishments and were convicted by a special court-martial for offenses that included six periods of unauthorized absence, willful disobedience of a lawful order, failed to obey a lawful order, failed to go to appointed place of duty, violation of a general order, and possession of marijuana.

On 25 March 1986 your commanding officer recommended that you be separated with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of commission of a serious offense and drug abuse. After being informed of the recommendation, you elected to waive the right to present your case to an administrative discharge board. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and you were discharged on 28 April 1986 with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of commission of a serious offense.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully considered your contention that you were suffering from a back injury. The Board could not find any evidence in the available records or

your application which connects your back injury with your misconduct. Accordingly, and as you have not demonstrated that it would be in the interest of justice for the Board to upgrade your discharge, 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