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BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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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 31 March 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 reenlisted in the Navy on 3 September 1987 after eight years of honorable service. On 16 February 1988, you began a period of unauthorized absence (UA) that lasted 78 days, ending with your apprehension on 4 May 1988. On 1 June 1988, you were convicted by special court-martial (SPCM) of that period of UA and missing movement. You were sentenced to a reduction in paygrade, a forfeiture of pay, and confinement.

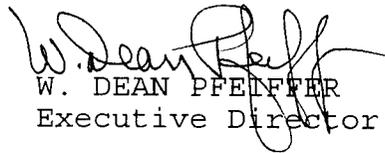
On 18 August 1988, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. You waived your right to consult with counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB).

On 22 August 1988, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. On 20 September 1988, the discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct. On 28 September 1988 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 conviction by SPCM for a period of UA lasting over two months and the serious offense of missing movement. 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,            1

  
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