



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

BAN  
Docket No: 04866-08  
27 February 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, 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 24 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.

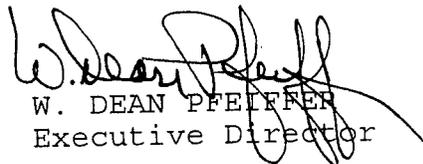
You had prior naval service from 1974 to 1981, where you received an honorable discharge and were recommended for reenlistment. However, upon your reenlistment in the Navy on 5 October 1981, you served without disciplinary incident until 3 December 1986, when you received nonjudicial punishment for an unauthorized absence from 17 June to 27 July 1986, and then again, from 18 August 1986 to 18 November 1986, totaling approximately 151 days.

Shortly thereafter, on 11 December 1986, you were recommended for separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge. On 3 January 1987, the separation authority approved the recommendation, and on 9 January 1987, you were separated with an OTH discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code due to a commission of a serious offense.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and belief that enough time has elapsed to warrant upgrading your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your misconduct. Further, there is no provision in the law or regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFETFFER  
Executive Director