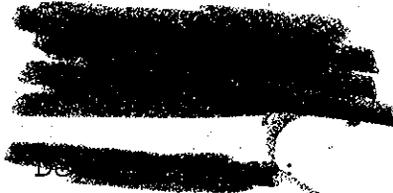




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 08118-08
25 June 2009



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 16 June 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 enlisted in the Marine Corp Reserve and began a period of active duty on 2 August 1982 at age 18. On 11 January 1983, you were honorably released from initial active duty for training and transferred to your reserve unit.

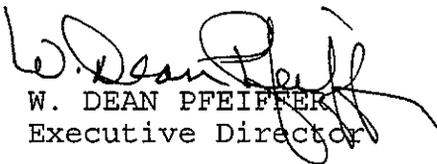
During the period from 14 March to 12 April 1987, your record appears to reflect that you did not drill with your reserve unit as you were required to do on three separate occasions. On 9 May 1987, you were counseled and warned that further missed drills could result in administrative discharge action. However, during the period from 12 September to 6 December 1987, you missed six additional drills.

Based on your non-participation in drills, administrative discharge action was initiated and on 4 March 1988 the separation authority directed an other than honorable discharge. On 4 April 1988, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, post service accomplishments, character letters accompanying your application, and contention that your characterization of service would be automatically upgraded upon repayment of a college assistance debt. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your failure to drill with your reserve unit. The Board noted that you were counseled and warned after your third missed drill. However, you missed six additional drills. Concerning your contention, there is no evidence in the record to support it, and you submitted no such evidence. 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 PFEIFFER
Executive Director