



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

BAN  
Docket No: 08643-08  
22 June 2009

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 4 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 first enlisted in the Navy from 22 July 1987 to 22 March 1990, and received an honorable discharge. You reenlisted in the Navy on 23 March 1990, and served without disciplinary incident until 3 August 1990, when you received nonjudicial punishment for unauthorized absence (UA) in excess of 60 days and missing ship's movement.

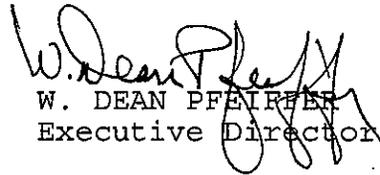
Additionally, on 14 September 1993, you were convicted at a general court-martial (GCM) for UA in excess of one year and two months, conspiracy, and forgery. As a result of your court-martial conviction, you received a dishonorable discharge (DD). You were placed on appellate leave from 1995 to 1997, and were finally discharged on 5 March 1997, with a DD and an RE-4 reenlistment code due to your conviction at a GCM.

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 PFEIFFER  
Executive Director