



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

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Docket No: 9275-08
9 July 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 8 July 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 and medical records, 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 entered active duty in the Navy on 30 December 1968. On 8 September 1969, you were diagnosed with a passive dependent personality disorder with emotionally unstable features. This disorder was manifested by indecisiveness, reluctance to face responsibility, emotional outbursts, and over-dependence on your mother to make decisions. On 23 October 1969, you received nonjudicial punishment for an unauthorized absence of about four days. On 9 February 1970, you were notified of pending administrative separation based on your diagnosed personality disorder. You waived your right to an

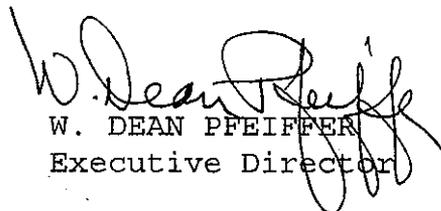
administrative discharge board (ADB). On 18 April 1970, you received a general discharge for unsuitability due to character and behavior disorders, and were assigned an RE-3P reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record, carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your youth and medical condition. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your general discharge because of your misconduct and diagnosed personality disorder. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ABB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. In view of the above, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board believed you may be entitled to veterans' benefits based on your general discharge. Please contact your local office of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clarification of your possible benefits.

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