



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

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Docket No: 9361-08
25 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 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 24 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 and medical records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

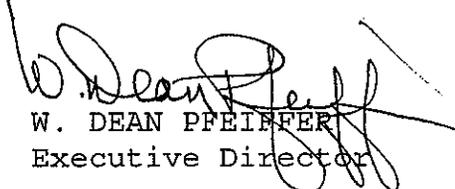
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. The Board found you entered active duty on 29 August 1988. On 11 March 1991, you entered an unauthorized absence (UA) status. On 29 March 1991, you were evaluated as being overfat. On 14 August 1991, you received nonjudicial punishment for the use of cocaine. On 16 October 1991, you were notified of pending administrative separation action for misconduct due to drug abuse. You waived your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 23 October 1991, you were in a UA status again. On 27 November 1991, the separation authority approved your commanding officer's recommendation of an other than honorable (OTH) discharge for misconduct due to

drug abuse, and the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code. On 5 December 1991, your recommendation for advancement was withdrawn, and you received an adverse performance evaluation. On 6 December 1991, you received the OTH discharge for misconduct due to drug abuse, and the RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record, carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your honorable service, contention that this was an isolated incident, and character reference letter. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your OTH discharge or reenlistment code because of your drug abuse and substandard performance. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, 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.

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