



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

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Docket No: 10573-08
21 August 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 13 August 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 Navy on 24 January 1978, and served without disciplinary incident until 29 March 1979, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for unauthorized absence (UA).

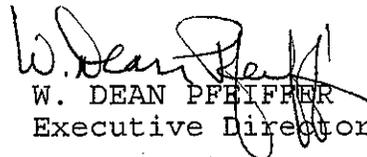
Shortly thereafter, you received the following NJP's: on 19 April 1979, for UA; on 22 August 1979, for UA, making a false official statement, and failure to pay just debts; on 5 October 1979, for two specifications of failure to obey a lawful order; on 11 March 1980, for loss of government property; on 15 May 1980, for UA and dereliction of duty; and on 5 November 1980, for UA. In addition, on 24 November 1980, you were convicted at a summary court-martial for stealing and cashing a check for \$30.00.

Therefore, you were recommended for separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to your pattern of misconduct. The separation authority approved the recommendation, and on 28 November 1980, you were separated from naval service with an OTH discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the characterization of your discharge due to 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,


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Executive Director