



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

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Docket No: 01876-08
28 October 2008



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 16 October 2008. 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 Corps on 30 May 1980, and served without disciplinary incident until 10 January 1981, when you received a nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for disobeying a lawful order. Shortly thereafter, you received the following NJPs: on 18 March 1982, possession of an illegal drug, on 21 March 1982, sleeping on post without being properly relieved, on 15 December 1982, three specifications of unauthorized absence, and on 25 April 1983, illegal use of drugs.

You were notified of your processing for administrative separation due to misconduct with a recommendation for an under other than honorable (UOTH) conditions discharge. You were advised of your rights and having consulted with counsel, you elected to waive your administrative separation board. On 3 May 1983, the separation authority approved this recommendation and

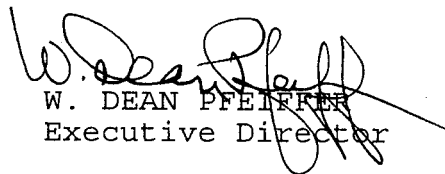
directed a UOTH discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code, and on 5 May 1983, you were so discharged.

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 recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your misconduct. 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, 1


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