



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

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Docket No: 01372-09  
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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 15 December 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 7 September 1988 at age 22. On 2 March 1993, you were counseled for failure to pay several creditors, unsatisfactory military performance, personal appearance and not being at your appointed place of duty. You were warned that further deficiencies or misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. On 23 April 1993, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for unauthorized absence, absence from your appointed place of duty, disobedience, false official statements (altering a money order and lying to superiors), uttering worthless checks on a closed account, and failure to pay just debts. You received a forfeiture of pay, restriction and extra duty (suspended for six months), and a reduction in paygrade.

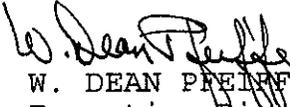
On 16 June 1993, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 11 August 1993, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable

conditions by reason of misconduct. On 25 August 1993, the discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct. On 27 August 1993 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your pattern of failing to pay your debts, and the record of NJP for failure to pay your just debts, which was imposed after you were counseled and warned of the consequences of further misconduct. Further, the Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. 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