



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

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Docket No: 2385-09
24 February 2010

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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 23 February 2010. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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.

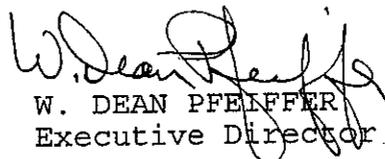
You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 21 January 1987 at age 20 and began a period of active duty on 26 January 1987. You served without disciplinary incident until 24 September 1987, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a five day period of unauthorized absence (UA). About four months later, on 12 January 1988, you received NJP for a one day period of UA.

Subsequently, after undergoing a psychiatric evaluation, you were diagnosed with a personality disorder and recommended for an expeditious administrative separation. As a result, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to your diagnosed personality disorder. The discharge authority directed discharge under honorable conditions, and on 29 February 1988, you were issued a general discharge.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to change the narrative reason for separation. It also considered the recent diagnostic assessment provided in support of your request. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changes in the narrative reason for separation because there is documented evidence in the record which is contrary to your present assessment that you do not have a personality disorder. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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