



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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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 January 2010. 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 initially served in the Navy from 1983 to 1986, and received an honorable discharge. You reenlisted in the Navy on 1 October 1986, and served without disciplinary incident until 1 May 1987, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for the illegal use of a controlled substance (cocaine) and an unauthorized absence. Shortly thereafter, you received the following NJP's: on 22 May 1987, for driving under the influence of alcohol; on 13 January 1989, for the illegal use of a controlled substance (amphetamines and methamphetamines). Therefore, you were recommended for separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to drug abuse, and you exercised your right to request an administrative discharge board (ADB). The ADB voted to separate you due to drug abuse. The separation authority approved the ADB's recommendation and on 30 May 1989, you were separated 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. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to your drug abuse. 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