



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

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Docket No: 05153-09
26 June 2009

Dear [REDACTED]:

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 23 June 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.

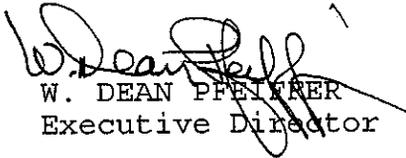
You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 28 August 1981. During the period from 17 March 1982 to 18 October 1983 you received five nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for dereliction of duty, three instances of disrespect, disobedience, drunk and disorderly conduct, and absence from your appointed place of duty. Additionally, you were counseled and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action.

On 19 October 1983, administrative separation 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). Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. On 29 November 1983, the separation authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct. On 2 December 1983 you were so discharged. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and the characterization letters accompanying your application. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the reenlistment code, which was based on your disciplinary record and substandard behavior. In this regard, an RE-4 reenlistment code is required when an individual is discharged due to 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director