



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

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Docket No: 6554-09
3 June 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 2 June 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 Navy on 20 May 1985 at age 18 and advanced to paygrade E-3 on 1 July 1986. You served without disciplinary incident until 21 October 1986, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a one day period of unauthorized absence and malingering. The punishment imposed was restriction and extra duty for seven days and a \$100 forfeiture of pay. A portion of the punishment was suspended for six months.

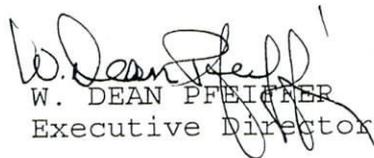
On 28 January and 20 February 1987 you were diagnosed with a mixed personality disorder which adversely affected your performance. Your record reflects that on 20 April and again on 14 November 1987 you were eligible for advancement to corporal/ paygrade E-4, but not recommended for promotion because of your substandard performance.

On 6 April 1988, while serving in paygrade E-3, you were honorably released from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserve, and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code. On 19 May 1993 you were honorably discharged at the expiration of your enlistment.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to have your record reflect that you were promoted to paygrade E-4. It also considered your request for a Good Conduct Medal and to be reissued a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant favorable action to your requests. Your record reflects that you were honorably discharged after serving a total of 2 years, 4 months, and 16 days, and as such you did not meet the criteria required for award of a Good Conduct Medal. In this regard, during the period in which you served, a Marine had to honorably serve without disciplinary incident for four continuous years on active duty to be awarded a Good Conduct Medal. Finally, you may obtain a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon from a civilian dealer of military supplies. 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