



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

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Docket No: 8758-09
16 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 15 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.

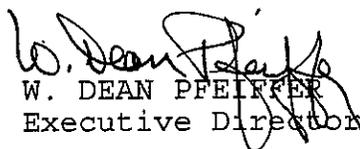
You enlisted in the Navy on 11 April 2000 at age 23 and served without disciplinary incident until 24 June 2002, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for eight periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling 90 days, failure to go to your appointed place of duty, two specifications of missing the movement of your ship, dereliction of duty, and assault.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. After waiving your procedural rights, your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. On 1 July 2002 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed your commanding officer to discharge you under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct, and on 9 July 2002, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, post service conduct, and desire to upgrade your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your repetitive misconduct which included a lengthy period of UA from the Navy. Finally, you were given an opportunity to defend yourself and possibly obtain a better characterization of service, but waived your procedural rights. 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