



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

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Docket No: 9535-09
18 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 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 16 June 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.

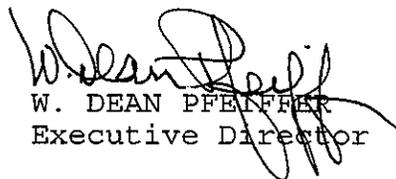
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 12 October 1973 at age 17. On 18 February 1974, you were counseled for nondisclosure of your pre-service civil arrest record and warned that further offenses could result in administrative discharge processing. On 22 April 1975, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for possession of a false military identification card. On 19 May 1975, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) for larceny. On 2 March 1976, you were convicted in civil court of rape, first degree burglary and inflicting great bodily harm and sentenced to confinement in state prison. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct. After consulting with legal counsel, you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 26 August 1976 the ADB found that you had committed misconduct and recommended that you be discharged under OTH conditions. On 28 December 1976, you received the OTH discharge for misconduct due to civil conviction.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in a civil conviction, an NJP, and a SCM. 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 PFEFFER
Executive Director