



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

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Docket No: 1271-10  
19 October 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 19 October 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.

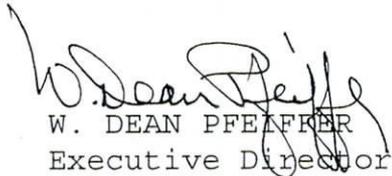
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. You entered active duty in the Navy on 9 September 1987. You received nonjudicial punishment on four occasions for unauthorized absence (five specifications), drunk on duty, failure to obey a lawful order, and driving while intoxicated. You were notified of pending administrative separation processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (commission of a serious offense). You elected to have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB), which met and found that you had committed misconduct (commission of a serious offense), but

recommended that you be retained. You concurred with the ADB's finding, but recommended an OTH discharge. The discharge authority, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), approved the findings of the ADB, however, she directed a general discharge due to misconduct (commission of a serious offense). You were so discharged on 16 May 1990, and assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, remorse, and post service good conduct. However, the Board concluded that your general discharge should not be changed due to your numerous acts of misconduct. The Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general characterization of service, since Sailors who are administratively separated for misconduct such as yours normally receive an OTH discharge. In view of the above, 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,

  
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Executive Director