



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

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Docket No: 1749-10  
2 November 2010



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 2 November 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.

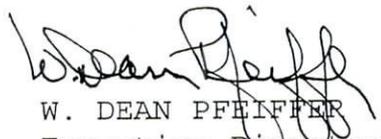
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. You entered active duty in the Navy on 17 September 1969. You received nonjudicial punishment on two occasions and were convicted by a special court-martial. Your offenses included unauthorized absence (three specifications totaling 34 days), conduct bringing discredit upon the armed forces, and failure to obey a lawful order. During a psychiatric evaluation, you admitted to wrongful use of marijuana and lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) while on active duty. You were notified that your commanding officer was recommending you for administrative separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to unfitness. You waived

all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 29 December 1970, you received an OTH discharge due to unfitness, and were 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 and allegation that you did not receive psychiatric help while on active duty. However, the Board concluded that your discharge should not be changed due to your misconduct and drug abuse. The Board found that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. You are advised that no discharge is upgraded automatically due solely to the passage of time or post service good conduct. You are further advised that there is evidence in your service record which is contrary to your allegation. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director