



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

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Docket No: 6139-10
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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 5 April 2011. 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.

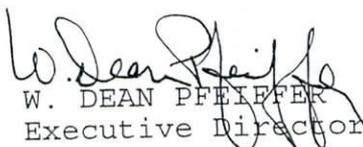
You enlisted in the Navy on 25 June 1980 at age 17 and began a period of active duty on 14 April 1981. You served without disciplinary incident for two years and three months. However, on 2 July and again on 23 August 1983, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of marijuana.

Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. After consulting with legal counsel, you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 9 December 1984 an ADB recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. On 11 January 1984 your commanding officer, in concurrence with the ADB, also recommended discharge by reason of misconduct, but with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service. Nonetheless, the discharge authority approved the recommendations for discharge and directed your commanding officer to issue you an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse, and on 30 January 1984, 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 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 drug related misconduct which resulted in two NJPs. 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