



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

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Docket No: 7589-10  
27 May 2011

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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 24 May 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.

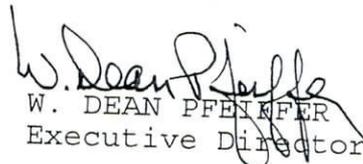
You enlisted in the Navy on 31 August 1989 at age 19. You served without disciplinary incident until 13 September 1990, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for a one day period of unauthorized absence (UA). On 17 October 1990 you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) of a four day period of UA and 102 specifications of absence from your appointed place of duty.

On 20 May 1991 you received NJP for two periods of UA totalling eight days. The following day you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. At that time you waived your right to consult with legal counsel and to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 23 May 1991 your commanding officer recommended discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. Subsequently, the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct and on 15 June 1991 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. It also considered your assertion of suffering from a traumatic childhood experience which resulted in your excessive drinking. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your repetitive misconduct which resulted in two NJPs and conviction by SCM. Further, you were given an opportunity to defend your actions, but waived your procedural right to present your case to an ADB. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you submitted none, to support your assertion. 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