



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

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Docket No: 08348-10
21 April 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, 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 20 April 2011. 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.

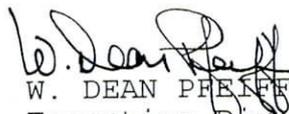
You enlisted in the Navy on 30 August 1979. On 18 December 1980, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status. On 12 May 1981, you received NJP for three incidents of failure to be at your recall, being absent from your appointed place of duty, and wrongful possession and use of a controlled substance. On 22 February 1982, you received NJP for possession of marijuana. On 7 May 1982, you were convicted by civilian court in Virginia Beach, Virginia of failure to appear and being drunk in public. On 13 May 1982, you commenced a period of UA which lasted five days. On 29 July 1982, you were convicted at a special court-martial (SPCM) of being UA for 56 days, missing the movement of your ship, breaking restriction, and wrongful use of a controlled substance. You were sentenced to a forfeiture of \$1,468, reduction in pay grade, confinement at hard labor for 45 days, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The discharge authority directed the execution of your BCD. On 16 July 1984, after appellate review, you were so discharged.

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 your record of three NJP's and conviction by SPCM of serious offenses. 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,


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Executive Director