



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

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Docket No: 8369-10
10 June 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 8 June 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.

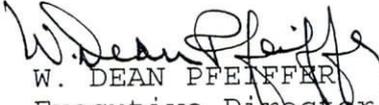
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 27 September 1989 at age 21. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on four occasions for disorderly conduct insubordinate conduct toward a superior petty officer, failure to obey a lawful order, two instances of failure to go to your appointed place of duty and dereliction in the performance of duty. After your first NJP, you were counseled regarding your misconduct and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge by reason of misconduct. After consulting with legal counsel, you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 21 June 1991, an ADB recommended discharge under OTH conditions by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct. On 6 September 1991, the separation authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct.

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 the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in four NJPs. Additionally, no discharge is automatically upgraded due to the passage of time or an individual's good behavior after discharge. 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director