



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 00183-11
17 October 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 13 October 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.

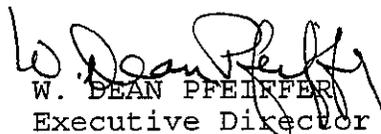
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 17 May 1984, at age 19. On 27 June 1985, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for the wrongful use of cocaine. On 11 July 1985, you received NJP for failure to obey a lawful order. On 15 August 1985, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct for drug abuse. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). However, your misconduct continued and on 22 August 1985, you received NJP for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for two hours, and wrongful use of marijuana. On 5 September 1985, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable (OTH) conditions by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse (use). The discharge authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct for drug abuse (use). On 10 October 1985, you were so discharged. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

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 for misconduct and drug abuse (use). The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a more favorable characterization of service. 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