



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

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Docket No: 643-11
26 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, 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 19 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.

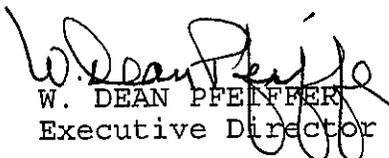
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 30 April 1969 at age 18. On 22 July 1969, you were taken to the emergency room at Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, after taking 30 Valium. You stated in part that you thought you would receive additional relief by taking more pills. You were admitted to the hospital, treated and released on 25 July 1969. On 27 July 1969, you were again taken to the hospital after taking an undetermined number of Valium and Darvon. You admitted taking the medication as a method of getting discharged from the Navy. On 14 August 1969, you were the subject of a mental health evaluation where you stated in part that you smoked marijuana and took lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) prior to enlisting in the Navy. You further stated that you could not stand the barracks, you could not eat or sleep. You felt like leaving and tearing up things. You were diagnosed with a schizoid personality and improper drug use, and it was recommended that you be discharged from the Navy. On 21 August 1969, you were interviewed by the Navy Investigative Service (NIS) and you made a voluntary sworn statement admitting to prior

service use of marijuana and LSD. On 26 August 1969, you were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with a general discharge due to unfitness. You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 16 September 1969, you were discharged with a general characterization of service.

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. The Board also believed that you were fortunate to receive a general 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,


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Executive Director