



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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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 November 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.

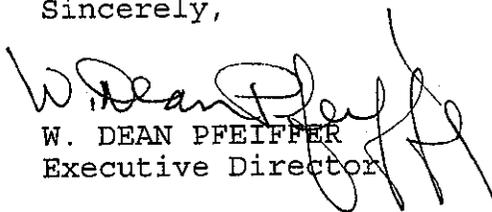
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 5 August 1982. The Board found that you were briefed on two occasions about the Navy's policy on drugs and alcohol abuse. On 11 May 1984, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of marijuana. You received restriction, extra duty, a reduction in paygrade, and a forfeiture of pay. On 4 July 1984, a drug report stated, in part, that you were a good worker, had potential for further naval service, and it appeared your drug use was an isolated incident. However, on 31 December 1984, a medical entry states, in part, that you tested positive for marijuana use on two additional occasions and attended Level I substance abuse treatment. At that time, you were found not to be dependent on drugs. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to drug use. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your case was forwarded recommending that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. Your commanding officer stated, in part, that your attitude toward continued drug use could not be tolerated, evidence indicated

that you had no intention of discontinuing your drug use as evidenced by your positive urinalyses, and that your blatant drug use was highly prejudicial to good order and discipline. On 2 April 1985, the discharge authority concurred and directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. You were so discharged on 9 April 1985.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your NJP for drug use, two additional positive urinalyses, and the fact that you were briefed on Navy policy of drug and alcohol abuse. Finally, the Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better 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