



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 3418-11  
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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 12 January 2012. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 Marine Corps on 14 September 1987 at age 21 and began a period of active duty. In April and June 1992 you were referred for evaluation due to work pressures and alcohol abuse. You were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder, borderline personality disorder, and alcohol and drug abuse.

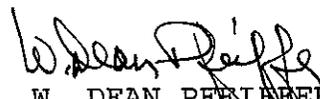
Your record reflects that you served without disciplinary incident until 21 May 1992, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful use of amphetamines/methamphetamines. The punishment imposed was restriction and extra duty for 30 days, forfeiture of \$521, and reduction to paygrade E-2. As a result, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse. Your commanding officer recommended you be issued a general discharge by reason of misconduct by reason of drug abuse. This recommendation stated, in part, that although you had given 100% throughout your career, because of your inability to handle the daily stresses of your duties, your personal

problems, and positive drug test, your career had to be terminated. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed separation under honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. On 5 November 1992, while serving in paygrade E-3, you were issued a general discharge by reason of misconduct and assigned an RE-4B reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to upgrade the characterization of your general discharge. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your general discharge because of the seriousness of your drug related misconduct, which resulted in NJP. Finally, Marines with a record of misconduct, such as yours, normally receive discharges under other than honorable conditions, and as such the Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general characterization of service. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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