



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 03791-11
31 January 2012

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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 31 January 2012. 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.

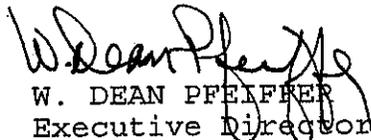
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You entered active duty in the Marine Corps on 17 June 1981, and served without disciplinary incident until 5 January 1983, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for the illegal use of a controlled substance (marijuana). Shortly thereafter, you received the following NJP's: on 8 March 1983, for an unauthorized absence; and on 11 March 1983, for the illegal use of a controlled substance (marijuana). Therefore, you were recommended for separation with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (drug abuse). You waived all of your procedural rights, to include your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority approved the recommendation. On 27 May 1983, you were separated with an OTH discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code due to misconduct (drug abuse).

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, claim that you have post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and that you never received drug counseling. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to the seriousness of your offense of drug abuse. Moreover, you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. The Board also noted that you provided no evidence to support your claim of having PTSD, and there is no such evidence in your record. 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