



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 04456-11

15 February 2012



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 14 February 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.

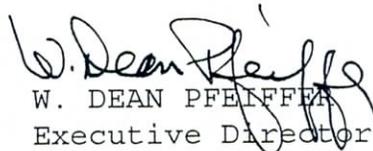
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 28 December 1971. The Board found that you received six nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) for unauthorized absence, absence from your appointed place of duty, two instances of failure to go to your appointed place of duty, wrongful use of marijuana, and disobedience. On 20 October 1973, you received a general discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to your substandard performance and inability to adapt to military service.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and Vietnam service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your six NJP's in such a short period of time, one of which was for wrongful drug use, substandard

performance, and the fact that you were a burden to your command. 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