



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4678-11
16 February 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 12 February 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.

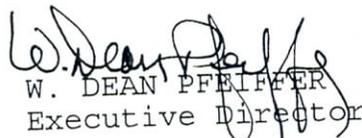
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 29 January 1982 at age 18 and began a period of active duty on 14 July 1982. Although your record is incomplete, it appears that during the period from 6 March to 7 June 1984, you were in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for 94 days and were declared a deserter. Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of misconduct. As such, on 30 July 1984, you were issued an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your record, although incomplete, and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, desire to upgrade your discharge, and assertion of despair at the time of your mother's death. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your lengthy period of UA from the Navy. 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,


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Executive Director