



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 01688-12  
6 December 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 5 December 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.

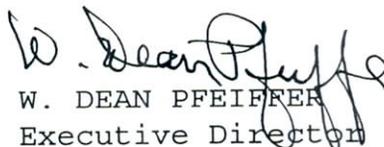
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on 8 September 1997. On 11 November 1998, you were informed by your command of your failure to participate in required drills. On 12 December 1998, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of failure to participate. You failed to acknowledge receipt, submit a statement, or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 4 February 1999, your commanding officer recommended you for an administrative separation for your failure to participate in the required drills and that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions (OTH). On 15 March 1999, the discharge authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of failure to participate. On 20 April 1999, you were so discharged. At the time of your discharge, an RE-4 reenlistment code was assigned.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth. However, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your characterization of service given your record of failure to participate in drills. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a more favorable 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director