



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 7202-12
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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 19 June 2013. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 13 December 1977. You received nonjudicial punishment on three occasions for offenses that included disorderly conduct, failure to obey a regulation, drunk and disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order, and disrespect.

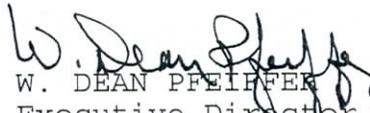
On 18 March 1981 you submitted a written request for discharge for the good of the service in lieu of trial by court-martial for an unauthorized absence of 202 days. Prior to submitting this request you conferred with a qualified military lawyer who advised you of your rights and warned of the probable adverse consequences of receiving a discharge under other than honorable conditions. Your request was approved, and you received a discharge under other than honorable conditions on 2 April 1981.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and mental problems. It found these factors insufficient to warrant

corrective action in your case given your extensive disciplinary record and the serious nature of the misconduct which resulted in your discharge. In addition, the Board believed that considerable clemency was extended to you when your request for discharge was approved since, by that action, you avoided the possibility of a Federal conviction, confinement at hard labor and a punitive discharge. 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