



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 02596-03
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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 27 August 2003. 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 17 December 1964 at age 17. You served without incident until 6 October 1965, when you were convicted by civil court of possessing a false identification card. On 4 January 1966, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey an order and were awarded forfeitures of pay and reduction to paygrade E-1.

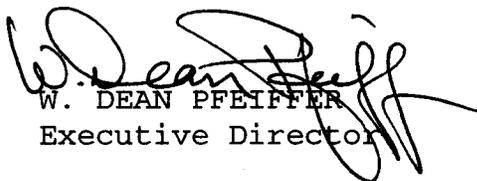
On 6 January 1966, you were diagnosed with an immature personality characterized by strong dependency needs and poor impulse controls. On 13 January 1966, you were notified of administrative separation processing, and you elected to make a statement. On 14 January 1966, the commanding officer recommended discharge by reason of unsuitability. On 27 January 1966, the separation authority directed separation with the type of discharge warranted by the service record. On 17 December 1966, you were separated with a general discharge.

Characterization of service is determined, in part, by conduct and overall trait averages computed from marks assigned on a periodic basis. Your conduct average was 2.05 and your overall trait average was 2.37. Averages of 3.0 in conduct and 2.7 in overall traits were required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of service.

In its review of your case, the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors such as your youth and immaturity, and the length of time that has passed since you were discharged from the Navy. However, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your failure to obtain the conduct and overall trait averages required for a fully honorable 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,


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Executive Director