



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

TRG
Docket No: 3622-03
27 October 2003



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 21 October 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.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 24 June 1996 at age 18. Subsequently, you were counseled on numerous occasions concerning problems which included your lack of professionalism, self-discipline, maturity and leadership. Additionally, you received nonjudicial punishment on two occasions for numerous incidents of unauthorized absence. On 23 June 2000, you were released from active duty with your service characterized as honorable in the rank of lance corporal. At that time, you acknowledged that you were not recommended for reenlistment and would be assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In support of your application, you have submitted documentation showing that a warrant officer and a staff sergeant supported your request for reenlistment in 2000. You contend, in effect, that your reenlistment was improperly denied.

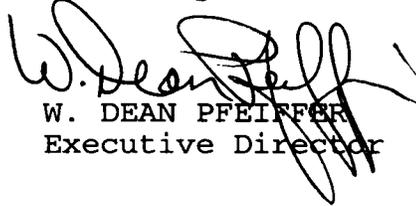
The Board concluded that a record that included two nonjudicial punishments and several counseling entries was sufficient to support the denial of your request for reenlistment, and the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code. The Board noted that you would have been competing for reenlistment with many others

who did not have any disciplinary infractions or counseling entries.

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