



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

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Docket No: 10016-08
23 July 2009

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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.

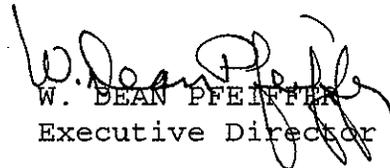
A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 22 July 2009. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval and medical records, 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 entered active duty in the Marine Corps on 11 March 1986. You received nonjudicial punishment on two occasions for wrongful use of marijuana, failure to go to your appointed place of duty, and disobedience of a lawful order. On 17 October 1989, you were found guilty at a special court-martial of two specifications of unauthorized absence totaling about 217 days, and wrongful appropriation of an automobile. Your sentence included a bad conduct discharge (BCD). After appellate review, on 18 May 1990, you received the BCD.

The Board, in its review of your entire record, carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your youth and medical problems. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors was not sufficient to warrant changing your BCD because of your serious misconduct and lengthy periods of UA. In view of the above, 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