



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 11641-09  
6 August 2010

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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 4 August 2010. 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.

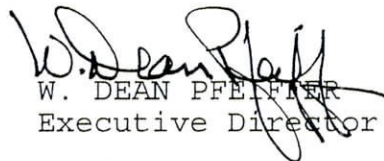
You enlisted in the Navy Reserve and began a period of active duty on 30 May 1985. You were released from active duty with an honorable discharge. On 15 May 1988, you affiliated with your reserve unit. On 27 May 1988, you provided a sample for a urinalysis which tested positive for marijuana. On 12 September 1988, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for 31 days. On 26 October 1988, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct due to commission of a serious offense. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct. The discharge authority directed an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct. On 1 November 1988, you were so discharged. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge because of your misconduct that resulted in one

NJP and drug abuse. The Board found that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. The Board noted that the narrative reason for separation on your DD Form 214 is incorrect because you were not processed for separation in lieu of trial by court-martial. However, to correct the record to show that you were separated by reason of misconduct due to drug abuse would be to your detriment, and the Board's regulations preclude such a change. 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