



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 06136-11  
1 March 2012



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 29 February 2012. 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.

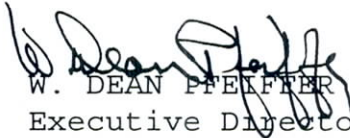
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 16 March 1984, at age 17. On 2 May 1985, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for six days. On 22 May 1985, you received NJP for wrongful use of marijuana. However, your commanding officer decided to set aside this NJP. On 25 January 1986, you received NJP for six incidents of being absent from your appointed place of duty, and assaulting a chief petty officer. On 27 February 1987, you were convicted at a special court-martial (SPCM) of four incidents of UA totaling 146 days. You were sentenced to a forfeiture of \$800, reduction in pay grade, confinement at hard labor for 60 days, and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The discharge authority directed the execution of your BCD. On 2 December 1987, after appellate review, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given your record of three NJP's and conviction by a SPCM of serious offenses. 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