



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

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Docket No: 07198-10
7 April 2011

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 6 April 2011. 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.

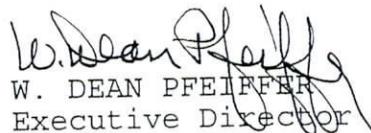
You enlisted in the Navy and began active duty on 12 March 1984, at age 17. Between 24 January and 12 September 1985, you received three nonjudicial punishments (NJP's) and committed the following offenses: disobeying a lawful order, wrongfully and falsely altering a military identification card with intent to deceive, signed an official identification card application with the incorrect date of birth, and failure to go to your appointed place of duty. On 19 February 1986, you were convicted by a summary court-martial (SCM) of seven incidents of being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status, and missing the movement of your ship. You were sentenced to a forfeiture of \$300, and confinement at hard labor for 30 days. On 19 February 1986, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct. 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 (OTH) by reason of misconduct (frequent involvement). On 10 March 1986, the discharge authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct (frequent involvement). On

12 March 1986, 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, conduct, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the characterization of your discharge, given your record of three NJP's and conviction by one SCM for misconduct. You are advised that an RE-4 reenlistment code is required when an individual is discharged for misconduct and is not recommended for retention. 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