



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

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Docket No: 11405-10
27 July 2011

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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 20 July 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.

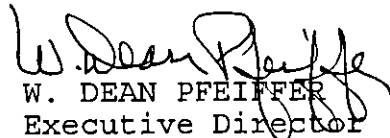
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You reenlisted in the Navy on 10 June 1983 after more than two years of honorable service. On 11 July 1984, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for failure to obey a lawful order. In July 1984 you were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol in Connecticut. On 20 July 1984, you were the subject of a mental health evaluation. It stated in part that you were not alcohol dependent at that time and your motivation for alcohol rehabilitation services (ARS) treatment was primarily a function of secondary gain involved in avoiding patrol and being disqualified from your rate as a nuclear trained machinist mate. On 10 August 1984, you received NJP for unauthorized absence (UA) from your appointed place of duty. On 3 September 1984, you again received NJP for UA from your unit for a period of two days. You were counseled regarding your misconduct and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. On 26 December 1984, you were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge due to misconduct (frequent involvement). You waived all of your procedural rights, including your right to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 21 February 1985 you received the OTH discharge for misconduct (frequent involvement).

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 found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge given the seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in three NJPs and civil arrest. The Board noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best chance for retention or a better characterization of service. 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