



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

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Docket No: 11422-10
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, 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. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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.

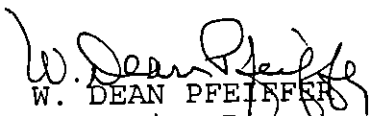
You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 30 August 1982. However, you were dropped from recruit training on day 15 and diagnosed with an extremely manipulative, immature, passive-aggressive personality disorder. On 7 October 1982 the commanding officer forwarded a recommendation to the separation authority and you were administratively separated due to convenience of the government. On 25 April 1985, you were granted a prior service waiver. You reenlisted in the Marine Corps and began another period of active on 14 May 1985 at age 21. On 13 June 1986, you were the subject of a mental health evaluation. You stated in part that you were not eating and had lost 15 pounds in two weeks, were unable to sleep and entertained frequent sad thoughts. You were diagnosed with a dependent personality disorder with alcohol abuse and recommended for an expeditious administrative separation. You were counseled regarding your misconduct on three occasions for three instances of failure to go to your appointed place of duty, disobeying a lawful order, overdue on a monthly payment to the base telephone service and being placed on the worthless check list. You were warned that

further offenses could result in administrative separation. Based on the information currently contained in your record it appears that you were subsequently involuntarily processed for separation by reason of a personality disorder. In connection with this processing, you would have acknowledged the separation action and the separation authority would have approved a recommendation for separation. The record clearly shows that on 16 September 1986, you received a general discharge.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and 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 given the diagnosis of a personality disorder and misconduct. Marines with a record of misconduct, such as yours, normally receive a discharge under other than honorable conditions, and as such the Board noted that you were fortunate to receive a general characterization of service. Finally, there is no provision of law or in Marine Corps regulations that allows for recharacterization of service due solely to the passage of time. 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