



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

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Docket No: 11971-10
12 August 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 10 August 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.

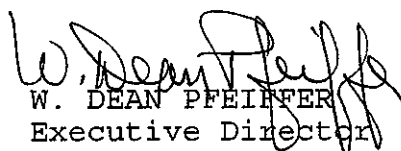
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 28 August 1989 at age 21. You received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) on four occasions for two instances of failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, drunk and disorderly conduct, disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer and insubordinate conduct toward a noncommissioned officer. You were counseled on several occasions regarding your misconduct and warned that further offenses could result in administrative separation. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with a general discharge due to misconduct (pattern of misconduct). After consulting with legal counsel, you elected to present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 15 June 1993, the ADB found that you committed misconduct and recommended that you be separated with a general discharge. The separation authority agreed with the recommendation of the ADB. On 23 August 1993, you received the general discharge for misconduct (pattern of misconduct).

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 seriousness of your misconduct that resulted in four NJPs. The Board also believed that you were fortunate to receive a general discharge since a discharge under other than honorable conditions is often directed when a Sailor is separated for misconduct. 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