



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

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Docket No. 12247-10
14 February 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 3 February 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.

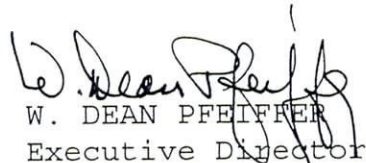
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you were administratively separated from the Marine Corps on 10 April 2010 with a discharge under other than honorable conditions by reason of misconduct/drug abuse (cocaine). The Board could not find any indication in the available records that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability that was incurred in or aggravated by your naval service. It noted that you would not have been entitled to disability retirement or separation even if you had been unfit for duty, as your administrative separation would have taken precedence over and likely precluded disability evaluation processing in your case. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board did not consider your request for upgrade of your discharge and related issues because you failed to pursue an available administrative remedy by submitting an application to the Naval Discharge Review Board.

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