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My name is Daniel DeNicola, I went to basic training for the National Guard July 24th 1987, I was 18 years old. I had committed a non-violent felony for burglary and was charged when I returned home from basic training in November of 1988 I was 19 years old. My recruiter and my attorney went with me to court and I was sentenced to two years probation and kept my gun right and served 15 years in the National Guard. In 2002 my National Guard unit Commander informed me that I needed to get a pardon to deploy to Kuwait and the unit Commander gave me a year to get a pardon or separate from the national guard. My reason did not meet the pardon boards criteria of exceptional circumstances so I separated after 15 years honorably from the National Guard. Over the next 37 years I requested a pardon twice and was denied. I will be 58 years old in September and I have yet to commit another crime, I've never been handcuffed and I've never been to jail and I served honorably for 15 years in the state of Maine's Army National Guard.