



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

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Docket No. 07469-09  
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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 1 April 2010. 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.

You enlisted in the Navy on 23 July 2002. On 12 September 2007 you were given diagnoses of Occupational Problem; Chronic Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (Provisional); Nicotine Dependence; and Personality Disorder Not Otherwise Specified, with narcissistic and borderline features. You were considered psychiatrically fit for full duty at that time, but unsuitable for further service due to the effects of the personality disorder. You were honorably discharged by reason of a personality disorder on 4 October 2007. On 28 September 2009, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) denied your request for service connection for posttraumatic stress disorder, after

determining that the disorder was not related to your military service.

In order to be separated or retired by reason of physical disability, a service member must be found unfit to reasonably perform the duties of his office, grade, rank or rating by reason of physical disability. Although you were given a provisional diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder while on active duty, that condition was not considered unfitting. In addition, a personality disorder is not considered to be a disability under the laws administered by the Department of the Navy.

In view of the foregoing, 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