

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 2 NAVY ANNEX

WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 1119-01

8 March 2001



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 7 March 2001. 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 on 23 March 1976 you enlisted in the Navy at age 19. Although the record does not contain the psychiatric evaluation and the separation processing documents, it appears that the commanding officer directed that you be separated with an honorable discharge by reason of unsuitability due to a diagnosed personality disorder. The record clearly shows that on 8 April 1976 you were discharged with an honorable discharge by reason of unsuitability. At that time you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-3P.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the reason for discharge. Therefore, the Board concluded that no change in the reason for discharge is warranted.

The Board noted that an RE-3P reenlistment code is the most favorable reenlistment authorized by regulatory guidance for

individuals discharged due to a personality disorder. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your reenlistment code.

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