



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

JRE  
Docket No: 7455-01  
5 February 2002

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 . 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 underwent a pre-enlistment physical examination on 5 February 1999. You completed a Report of Medical History on that date, in which you denied having a history of psychiatric complaints, depression or nervous trouble of any sort. You enlisted in the Navy on 2 March 1999. You were referred to a Recruit Evaluation Unit on 15 March 1999, because you had been lashing out uncontrollably at other recruits, and claimed you were depressed. You stated that you had a history of emotional, physical and sexual abuse, and that you had been sad all of your life, and had seen a mental health provider at age 11 for emotional abuse. You stated that your depression worsened at age 16, and that there had been a significant change in your sleep patter during the six weeks before you entered on active duty. You were given a diagnoses of Depressive Disorder, not otherwise specified, existed prior to enlistment, and recommended for discharge because of that condition. You were discharged with an entry level separation on 24 March 1999.

The Board was not persuaded that your discharge was erroneous, or that you are medically qualified or suitable for military service. In addition, it does not appear that you would have

been permitted to enlist in 1999 had you not concealed your history of psychiatric complaints. 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