



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

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Docket No: 480-07

24 July 2007

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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 24 July 2007. 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 24 January 1989 at age 21. On 6 February 1989 you received a medical evaluation during which you stated that you had suicidal ideations before and after enlistment. On 6 February 1989 a psychiatric evaluation diagnosed you with an adjustment disorder manifested by an anxious mood and manipulative claims of suicidal ideation. The evaluation concluded by recommending discharge due to your failure to adapt.

Based on the information currently contained in your record, it appears that your commanding officer (CO) subsequently recommended an entry level separation by reason of entry level performance and conduct. In connection with this action, you would have acknowledged the separation action and been afforded an opportunity to consult counsel and submit a statement in response to the separation action. Apparently, the separation authority approved the discharge recommendation and directed an entry level separation by reason of entry level performance and conduct. On 23 February 1989 you were so discharged. At that

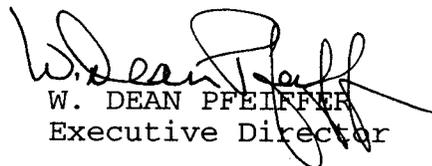
time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code, which means that you are neither eligible nor recommended for reenlistment.

Regulations require the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to entry level performance and conduct. In addition, individuals who disclose suicidal ideations are not recommended for reenlistment, since they are considered a potential risk to harm themselves and others if retained. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 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,


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Executive Director