



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

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Docket No: 4571-07
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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 16 January 2008. 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 enlisted in the Navy on 8 May 1989 after five months of prior active service as an officer in the Air Force. You underwent psychiatric evaluation on 12 October 1989 and were given a diagnosis of an obsessive compulsive personality disorder. You underwent further evaluations on 18 December 1989 and 2 January 1990, which confirmed that diagnosis. On 18 January 1990 you were separated from the Navy with a general discharge by reason of a personality disorder, and assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

Character of service is based, in part, on one's conduct and overall trait averages, both of which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct and overall trait averages were 2.00 and 2.56, respectively. A minimum average conduct mark of 3.0 and overall trait average of 2.8 were required for a fully honorable characterization of service at the time of your separation. A Sailor who was not recommended for reenlistment by his commanding officer would be assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as the grief reaction you

experienced as a result of your brother's untimely death, your qualification as a nurse, and your desire to serve in the Air Force Reserve. The Board concluded that those factors were insufficient to warrant corrective action, given your substandard conduct and overall trait averages, and the diagnosis which resulted in your discharge. 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