



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4647-07  
19 July 2007

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: FORMER [REDACTED]  
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552  
(b) SECNAVINST 1910.4B

Encl: (1) DD Form 149  
(2) Case Summary  
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner applied to this Board requesting that his naval record be corrected by changing his reentry code issued on 22 October 2001.
2. The Board, consisting of Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], and Ms. [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 June 2007 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.
3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:
  - a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.
  - b. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy on 3 February 2000. On 19 September 2001 he received nonjudicial punishment for an unauthorized absence of 19 days and missing movement.
  - c. A psychiatric evaluation conducted on 28 September 2001 diagnosed Petitioner as having an adjustment disorder and dependent features. He had previously admitted to suicidal thoughts.
  - d. Petitioner received one enlisted performance evaluation in which he attained an individual trait average of 2.59.
  - e. Character of service is based, in part, on the average of the individual trait averages on all enlisted performance evaluations. Petitioner's individual trait average was 2.59.

The minimum average required for a fully honorable characterization of service at the time of Petitioner's separation was 2.0.

f. Reference (b) states that a personality disorder, as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV), must be diagnosed in order to support a separation by reason of personality disorder. The DSM-IV does not list an adjustment disorder as a personality disorder.

g. An individual separated due to an adjustment disorder should receive a narrative reason for separation of "condition not a disability". An RE-4 reentry code may be assigned to indicate that the individual is not recommended for reenlistment. Alternatively, a code of RE-3G may be assigned, to indicate that a waiver is required.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Specifically his general discharge should be recharacterized to honorable based on his individual trait average and because he did not have a personality disorder the record should be corrected to show a separation by reason of a condition not a disability.

With respect to his reentry code the Board notes that the RE-4 reentry code is authorized by regulatory guidance for individuals discharged due to an adjustment disorder which is appropriate in this case due to his history of suicidal thoughts. The Board thus concludes that there is no error or injustice in his reentry code, and that his request for a change in his reentry code be denied.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that he was issued an honorable discharge by reason of condition not a disability on 22 October 2001.

b. That no further relief be granted.

c. That this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

d. That, upon request, the Veterans Administration be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 17 May

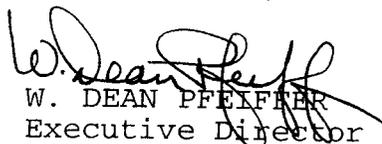
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4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Recorder

  
JAMES R. EXNICIOS  
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director