



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

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Docket No: 5683-07
17 April 2008

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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 15 April 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 12 June 1996 at age 18 and served without disciplinary incident until 7 November 1996, when you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for absence from your appointed place of duty and a three day period of unauthorized absence (UA). The punishment imposed was a \$204 forfeiture of pay and restriction and extra duty for seven days.

On 3 December 1996 you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation after stating that you had slit your wrist and did not care about living. The psychiatrist's report stated, in part, that due to your extremely primitive character and history of substance and alcohol abuse, as well as your chronic suicidal ideations and recent suicidal attempt, you were considered to be at considerable ongoing risk of further acts of self-harm. The report further stated that you had a bad temper, were punching walls, engaging in risky behavior, stealing, and fighting. You were diagnosed with alcohol dependence with physiologic dependence, severe personality disorder with borderline, antisocial and narcissistic features (that existed prior to enlistment), and self-inflicted lacerations of the left wrist.

Subsequently, you were recommended for an administrative separation because your long-standing personality disorder which was of such severity as to interfere with serving in the military.

On 16 December 1996 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government as a result of the foregoing diagnosis. The discharge authority ~~directed a general discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder.~~ On 16 January 1997 you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and assertion that you do not now have a personality disorder. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the reenlistment code because of your diagnosed personality disorder. Further, an RE-4 reenlistment code is authorized when a Sailor is separated for this reason and is not recommended for retention or reenlistment. Finally, there is documented evidence in the record which is contrary to your assertion. 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