



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

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Docket No: 06185-07
29 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 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 23 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.

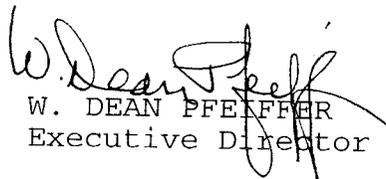
You enlisted in the Navy on 13 January 1999 at age 18. On 19 September 2000, a mental health evaluation was conducted, and it was determined that you had an adjustment disorder with anxiety and depressed mood, and a personality disorder. The evaluator concluded that you manifested a long-standing disorder of character and behavior which was of such severity as to render you unsuitable for continued service. Although you denied suicidal or homicidal intent, you represented a risk to harm yourself and others if retained.

On 27 September 2000, you were processed for separation by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 13 October 2000 you were honorably discharged. At that time, you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and post service accomplishments. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change to the reason for your discharge, or to your reenlistment code given the diagnosed personality disorder. Regulations authorize the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to individuals who are separated due to a diagnosed personality disorder, and that code is routinely assigned when the individual is deemed to present a threat to themselves or others. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director