



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

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Docket No: 7967-07
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 21 October 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 22 May 1989 at age 21 and served without disciplinary infraction. However, on 30 May 1989, you were diagnosed with cannabis, cocaine, and hallucinogen abuse and a personality disorder, all of which existed prior to your enlistment. You were referred for a psychiatric evaluation and observation, and recommended for an administrative separation.

As a result of the psychiatric evaluation referral, on 13 June 1989, you were diagnosed with a severe borderline personality disorder. The psychiatric report stated, in part, that you reported an extensive history of drug usage during the period from 1978 to 1989, specifically, the use of marijuana about 50 times, cocaine about 30 times, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) about five times, and Valium on one occasion. This report further stated that you had a history of suicide attempts, complaints of depression and anxiety, and that you were an imminent risk for self harm and harm to others. At that time you were again recommended for an administrative separation.

On 20 June 1989 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of a physical and/or mental condition due to the diagnosed severe borderline personality disorder. At that time you did not object to the discharge. On 8 August 1989 the discharge authority directed an uncharacterized entry level separation by reason of a physical and/or mental condition as evidenced by the diagnosed personality disorder. On 14 August 1989 you were so separated 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 desire to reenlist. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changes to your narrative reason for separation or reenlistment code because of your diagnosed personality disorder, pre-service drug abuse, and failure to complete recruit training. An RE-4 reenlistment code is authorized by regulatory guidance and required when a Sailor does not complete recruit training and is not recommended for retention and/or reenlistment. 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