



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

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Docket No: 8343-07  
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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 19 August 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.

Prior to enlistment you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation because of a prior history of being seen by a psychotherapist. It was noted in the evaluation that your superior intellect was quite striking. However, it was also noted that you had difficulty holding jobs for a significant period and that you were unemployed and receiving public assistance. However, your enlistment in the Navy was recommended.

You enlisted in the Navy on 25 May 1977 at age 28. At the time of your enlistment you had a college degree in mathematics and a high score on the Armed Forces Qualification Test. On 27 April 1979 you completed data systems "A" school, ranked 13 in a class of 13. The evaluation completed at that time is adverse and stated that your personality tended to place those you encountered immediately on the defensive. Subsequently, you were disenrolled from advanced training. It was noted that you misjudged priorities and required constant supervision.

The documentation to support discharge processing is not filed in your record. However, it is clear that you were processed for separation by reason of unsuitability due to a diagnosed personality disorder. You were honorably discharged on 23

January 1980. At that time, you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your contention that undiagnosed sleep apnea and Aspergers Syndrome led to your difficulties while in the Navy and in effect that the diagnosis of personality disorder was in error. You point out that individuals with Aspergers Syndrome are socially awkward but able to maintain extremely focused concentration in an area of interest. You claim that you were successfully employed by the Department of Defense for 20 years after your discharge from the Navy.

The Board found that these factors and contention were not sufficient to warrant a change in the reason for your discharge and reenlistment code. As indicated the discharge package is not filed in your record. However, your evaluations show that you were unable to adapt to Navy life after repeated counseling and were an academic failure from a course of instruction. Therefore, the available records certainly show that you were unsuitable for service. When an individual is discharged by reason of unsuitability, an RE-4 reenlistment code is the only authorized code.

The Board concluded that you were properly discharged by reason of unsuitability due to a diagnosed personality disorder with an RE-4 reenlistment and a correction to your record is not warranted.

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