



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

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Docket No: 2571-08
6 November 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 5 November 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.

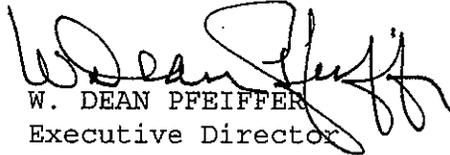
On 12 January 2005, you enlisted in the Navy at age 18. On 8 June 2007, a psychiatric evaluation diagnosed you as having long standing schizoid and paranoid personality disorders and stated that you were unsuitable for further service. On 25 June 2007, your commanding officer initiated administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to a personality disorder. In connection with this processing, you acknowledged the separation action and declined to submit a statement. On 27 June 2007, the separation authority approved the discharge recommendation and directed an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to a personality disorder. On 29 June 2007, you were so discharged and assigned an RE-3G reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your youth. The Board also considered your post service psychiatric evaluations that you submitted with your petition. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors and post service psychiatric evaluations were not sufficient to warrant changing the reason for separation or the reenlistment code. Regarding your post service psychiatric evaluations, they do not negate personality disorder diagnoses that you were found to have while in the Navy. Further, regulations

authorize assignment of an RE-3G reenlistment code to service members who are discharged due to a personality disorder and such a code is not considered derogatory. Therefore, the Board concluded that the discharge was proper as issued and no changes are 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