



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

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Docket No: 04029-08  
5 February 2009

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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 23 January 2009. 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 1986, and served without disciplinary incident. However, from 1986 to 1988, you received multiple entries in your medical record for depression and suicidal ideation, for which you received counseling.

Finally, on 3 December 1988, you were referred to a mental health unit for suicidal ideation. You were diagnosed with a personality disorder and it was strongly recommended that you be separated from naval service. Therefore, on 16 December 1988, you were separated with an honorable discharge and an RE-4 reenlistment code due to a personality disorder.

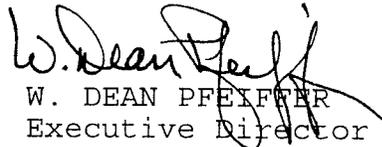
The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and the passage of time. Nevertheless, the Board

concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your reenlistment code because of your diagnosed personality disorder. 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