



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

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Docket No: 04752-08  
3 March 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 24 February 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 17 January 2006, and were separated on 18 April 2006, due to a personality disorder. You were separated with an entry level separation (ELS) characterization, and an RE-4 reenlistment code due to your diagnosed personality disorder. Furthermore, the Board noted that you were notified of your separation process within 180 days of the beginning of your period of active service. Applicable regulations authorize an uncharacterized ELS if the processing of an individual's separation begins within 180 days of his/her entry on active service.

Therefore, the Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, references, and the statement given by a licensed psychologist. Nevertheless, the Board concluded

these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge. 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 PENIFFER  
Executive Director