



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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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 12 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 26 September 1966. On 28 March 1968 you were given a tentative diagnosis of a passive aggressive personality. You were hospitalized on 28 June 1968 and given a diagnosis of depressive reaction. On 7 October 1968, the diagnosis was changed to passive aggressive personality characterized by lack of industry, emotional instability, lack of responsibility, and unreliability. You were released from the hospital on that date and returned to duty. You remained on active duty until 8 July 1970, when you were released from active duty by reason of reduction in

authorized strength. You were honorably discharged from the Navy Reserve on 25 September 1972. In the years following your discharge, the Department of Veterans Affairs denied your requests for service connection for multiple conditions, to include posttraumatic stress disorder.

The Board concluded that there is no credible evidence which demonstrates that you were exposed to significant trauma during your period of naval service, that you suffered from posttraumatic stress disorder prior to your discharge or that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability that was incurred in or aggravated by your naval service. Although you maintain that you have never been diagnosed with a personality disorder, available Navy and VA medical records controvert that assertion.

In view of the foregoing, 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