



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

SJN  
Docket No: 07070-08  
16 June 2009

Dear [REDACTED]

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 9 June 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 and began a period of active duty on 1 June 1990 at age 21. On 25 January 1991, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for wrongful disposition of military property. On 26 January 1991, after being diagnosed with a personality disorder manifested by your inconsistent performance, being distracted, and failure to complete your assigned tasks, you were counseled and warned that further deficiencies in your performance or conduct could result in administrative discharge action.

On 24 July 1992, you were admitted to the hospital for having an episode of acute depression due to your ship getting underway. You were diagnosed with an immature personality disorder. You were found fit for full duty and responsible for your behavior. At that time, it was found that you had no psychiatric contraindication to being administratively separated from the

service. However, on 29 July 1992, you were admitted to the hospital after stating that you could not take being at sea and were stressed out. At that time, there was evidence of acute psychiatric disorder, and it was noted that you had threatened to hurt yourself by cutting your wrists.

It appears you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. You elected to waive the rights to consult counsel, or submit a statement. On 24 September 1992, you received an honorable discharge due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service, and character letter accompanying your application. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code given the diagnosis of a personality disorder and NJP. An RE-4 reenlistment code is routinely assigned under such circumstances. 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