



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

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Docket No: 08209-08
10 July 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 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 8 July 2005. 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.

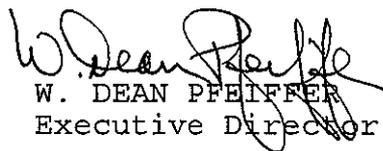
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 12 February 1985 at age 20. On 7 June 1985, a mental health evaluation diagnosed you with a personality disorder after you stated, in part, that you were not going to stay in the Navy, that you hated yourself, and what ever you had to do to get out, you would do. Further in the report you stated you openly threatened to kill yourself if you were not separated, would take an overdose of pills, go on an unauthorized absence, or to use marijuana in pursuit of a discharge.

On 25 June 1985, you were processed for separation by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. You elected to receive copies of documents to be forwarded to the separation authority, but waived all other procedural rights. On 1 July 1985, your commanding officer forwarded your case to the separation authority and on 10 July 1985, the separation authority directed an honorable discharge.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the reason for your discharge given the diagnosed personality disorder, threatening gestures, and suicidal ideation. 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