



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 10576-08
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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 Marine Corps on 14 January 2008. You reportedly experienced symptoms of depression while in boot camp, and began to think about killing yourself. You underwent psychological evaluation on several occasions during April 2008, and were given diagnoses of major depression, single episode, moderate, and a personality disorder. Although you were not considered to be mentally ill or unfit for duty by reason of physical disability because of the depressive disorder, it was felt that the personality disorder rendered you unsuitable for further service. The psychologist who had conducted the evaluations recommended that you be processed for administrative separation in an expeditious fashion, and that

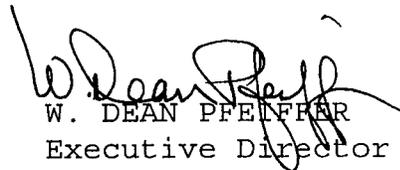
counseling requirements be waived because you represented a continuing danger to yourself and others if retained in the Marine Corps. On 28 May 2008, a Navy psychiatrist concurred with that assessment and the recommendation for administrative separation processing. You were discharged under honorable conditions on 28 August 2008 by reason of a personality disorder.

As a personality disorder is not considered to be a disability under the laws administered by the military departments, and you have not demonstrated that you were unfit for duty by reason major depression or other disability that was incurred in or aggravated by your service in the Marine Corps, the Board was unable to recommend corrective any action in your case. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

If you believe that you should have received an honorable discharge, rather than a discharge under honorable conditions, you should complete the enclosed DD Form 293 and mail it to the Naval Discharge Review Board at the address listed in the form.

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

Enclosure