



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 17 November 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 5 February 1991 at age 17. On 29 August 1991, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation and were diagnosed with a personality disorder. The report further stated, in part, that you were admitted to the hospital after you were found by crewmembers after ingesting an overdose of aspirin.

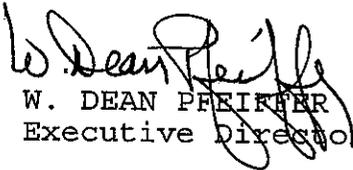
On 5 September 1991, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. You elected to waive the rights to consult counsel, or submit a statement. Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation for discharge to the separating authority. The recommendation was approved and on 13 September 1991 you received an honorable discharge.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and short period of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the reason for your separation given the diagnosis of a personality disorder.

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