



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

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Docket No: 01269-09  
8 December 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 1 December 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.

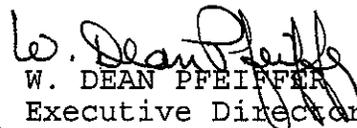
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 28 November 2000. On 17 January 2001, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for five days of unauthorized absence. On 19 April 2001, you were seen at a Navy hospital emergency room after reporting thoughts of suicide. You were admitted, and on 11 May 2001, after stating that you had a longstanding history of thoughts of suicide, were diagnosed with depression and a personality disorder that existed prior to your entry into the Navy. The report further stated, in part, that you had shown an obvious inability to adapt to the military, as manifested by your misconduct as well as your suicidal ideation and psychiatric hospitalization.

On 25 May 2001, you were notified of pending administrative separation action due to your diagnosed personality disorders, which followed your hospitalization for thoughts of suicide. You elected to waive the rights to consult counsel or to submit a statement. You were honorably discharged on 15 June 2001. 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 length of service and five contentions. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code due to your NJP, the diagnosed personality disorders, and your suicidal ideation. An RE-4 reenlistment code is routinely assigned under such circumstances. Concerning your contentions, there is no evidence in the record to support them, and you submitted no such evidence. 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