



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 12 January 2010. 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 reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 21 September 1987 after serving over three years of honorable service. You served without incident for over six more years until 20 October 1993, when you were admitted to a naval hospital due to recurrent suicidal ideations. You were diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder. The report further stated, in part, that you had inquired if your Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance would be paid to your beneficiaries if you committed suicide, and that you wanted out of the Marine Corps and would "do whatever it takes" even if you had to take your own life. Based on the information currently contained in your record 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 your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement, and present your case to an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation for discharge to the separation authority. The recommendation was approved and on 10 December 1993 you received a general discharge.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, prior honorable service, and last period of satisfactory performance. 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 and your suicidal ideation. The Board noted you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a better characterization of service. 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