



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 3962-09
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 23 March 2010. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 Naval Reserve on 11 May 1992 at age 17 and served without disciplinary incident.

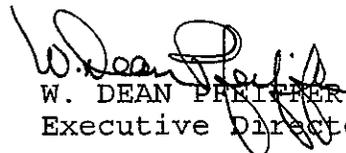
Your record reflects that on 14 May 1992, after undergoing a psychiatric evaluation, you were diagnosed with a severe adjustment disorder with depressed mood and dependent immature traits. The report also noted, in part, that your psychiatric history included adjustment problems, depression, suicidal thoughts, and treatment by using antidepressants. Subsequently, it was determined that this condition negatively impacted your performance of duty and affected your ability to function effectively. As such, you were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation.

As a result of the foregoing, you were notified of administrative separation by reason of erroneous enlistment as evidenced by your diagnosed severe adjustment disorder. Presumably, you did not object to the separation and waived your right to submit a separation rebuttal statement. Subsequently, the discharge authority directed your commanding officer to issue you an uncharacterized entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry, and on 21 May 1992, while serving in paygrade E-1, you were so discharged and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to change your reenlistment code and narrative reason for separation because they do not coincide with each other. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code or narrative reason for separation because of your diagnosed adjustment disorder and psychiatric history which included suicidal thoughts. Further, the Board concluded that your diagnosed adjustment disorder and nonrecommendation for retention or reenlistment were sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code, which is authorized by regulatory guidance. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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