



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

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Docket No: 5261-09
16 April 2010

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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 7 April 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.

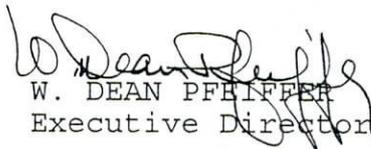
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 3 February 1988 at age 19. On 31 October 1988, you were admitted to the Navy Hospital, Orland, Florida, and were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation that diagnosed you with a mixed personality disorder with obsessive compulsive and schizoid features. During the evaluation it was stated, in part, that you suffered from decreased appetite and disturbed concentration, felt overwhelmed by these feelings and considered suicide on several occasions. On 16 November 1988, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for two instances of failure to obey a regulation. Based on the information currently contained in your record it appears that you were subsequently processed for separation by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder. In connection with this processing, you would have acknowledged the separation action and the discharge authority would have approved a recommendation for separation. The record clearly shows that on 15 December 1988, you were discharged under honorable conditions by reason of other physical/mental conditions -

personality disorder. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code, which means that you were not recommended for reenlistment.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code given the diagnosis of a personality disorder. Finally, an RE-4 reenlistment code is routinely assigned under such circumstances. 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