



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

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Docket No: 06448-09
13 May 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 11 May 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.

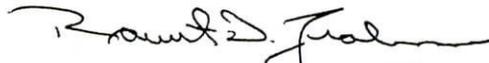
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 20 September 1985, at age 19. On 14 June 1985, a mental health evaluation was conducted, and you were given a diagnosis of having a borderline personality disorder, with suicidal ideation. You disclosed that you had a history of chronic suicidal ideation with five failed attempts prior to your enlistment, which was not disclosed on your in processing paperwork. Based on the mental health evaluation, you were processed for separation by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder. After you were advised of your rights, you elected to receive copies of documents to be forwarded to the separation authority, but waived all your other procedural rights. Subsequently, on 13 September 1985, you were separated with a general discharge by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In its review of your application, the Board considered all mitigating factors, such as your youth. However, the Board found these factors were insufficient to warrant changing your reenlistment code or characterization of service, due to your

diagnosed personality disorder. The Board noted that applicable regulations authorize the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to individuals who are separated due to medical conditions that interfere with duty performance. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your reenlistment code. 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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Acting Executive Director