



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

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Docket No: 7460-09  
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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 9 June 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 Navy on 3 July 1986 at age 17 and served without disciplinary incident.

On 29 July 1989 you were referred for psychiatric evaluation because of your suicidal ideation as evidenced by lacerations to your wrists. You were diagnosed with a severe personality disorder with borderline features that existed prior to your enlistment. As a result, you were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation. Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to your diagnosed personality disorder. Your commanding officer stated, in part, that you were not recommended for retention, advancement, or reenlistment due to your mental condition and other significant problems. The discharge authority directed your commanding officer to discharge you under honorable conditions by reason of convenience of the government

due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 7 July 1989, you were issued a general discharge and 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 upgrade your discharge and to change the narrative reason for separation and reenlistment code because you believe the diagnosis of a personality disorder is incorrect. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge or a change of the narrative reason for separation or reenlistment code because of documented evidence of record which is contrary to your belief. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director