



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 07494-09

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 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 30 July 2009. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 26 January 2009. You requested to see a mental health professional after you began to experience suicidal ideation. On 21 April 2009 you advised a clinical psychologist that you had been depressed for three years from age 13 to 16 which was manifested by trouble eating, sleeping, and concentrating, a sad mood, low self-esteem, feelings of worthlessness and helplessness and suicidal ideation. In addition, you reported that you had seen a school counselor several times a week and then weekly for a few months after you stated that you wanted to kill yourself. The Navy psychologist gave you diagnoses of depressive disorder, anxiety disorder, intermittent explosive disorder, and rule-out bipolar

disorder, each of which was classified as "EPTS", i.e., existing prior to service, and recommended for administrative separation. You were discharged by reason of erroneous entry on 1 May 2009 because of your disqualifying mental disorders.

The Board carefully considered the medical evidence you submitted in support of your application but found it insufficient to warrant corrective action in your case. The fact that a psychiatrist who evaluated following your discharge did not find any evidence of a mental disorder is not probative of the existence of error or injustice in your record because you presented yourself to the psychiatrist in a very favorable light, denied having a history of suicidal ideation or most of the significant aspects of your history that you reported to the Navy psychologist.

In view of the foregoing, 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director