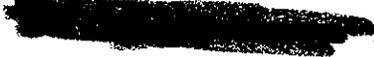




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 11771-08
29 October 2009



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 15 October 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 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 21 March 1984, at age 23. On 9 May 1994, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation conducted at Naval Medical Center, Naples, Italy, which found you psychiatrically unfit for shipboard life and overseas duty, with feelings of depression, irritability, homesickness and difficulty concentrating. You were transported to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, for additional evaluations, which diagnosed you with a personality disorder not otherwise specified with narcissistic and passive aggressive traits and you were recommended for administrative separation.

On 3 October 1994, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of your diagnosed personality disorder. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under honorable conditions by reason of a personality disorder. On 29 November 1994, the discharge authority directed an honorable discharge by reason of a personality disorder.

On 1 December 1994, you were so discharged. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

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 changing the reason of your discharge, or reenlistment code given your diagnosis. An RE-4 reenlistment code is required when an individual is not recommended for retention and discharged due to a personality disorder. The Board also noted that you waived the right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention. 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