



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

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Docket No: 12529-09
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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 14 September 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 28 September 1989. On 25 May 1990, you were diagnosed with a personality disorder. The report stated, in part, that you contemplated suicide while you were in an unauthorized absence status. You were also evaluated for situational depression. At that time you had the presence of suicidal thoughts and urges, but denied any history of having acted on it. You also expressed a desire to get out of the Navy and continued to think about suicide. It was found that you were responsible for your behavior and should be held accountable for your actions.

Administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. After being informed of your procedural rights, you elected to submit a statement on your behalf. On 1 June 1990, you received a general discharge due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At that time, you were assigned a RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service, and post service accomplishments. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization or changing the reason for your discharge, or changing your reenlistment code given the diagnosis of a personality disorder and suicidal ideation. 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