



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

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Docket No. 12611-09
3 August 2010



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 29 July 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

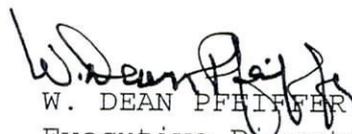
You enlisted in the Navy on 19 December 1994. A mental health note dated 18 February 1998 indicates that you complained of interpersonal difficulties, isolation, depressed mood, tearfulness and hypersomnia, and that you had experienced recurrent suicidal ideation. You were given diagnoses of alcohol abuse by history and personality disorder, not otherwise specified, with dependent, and avoidant traits, severe. You were considered fit for full duty but unsuitable for military service due to the effects of the personality disorder. On 18 March 1998, you were discharged for the convenience of the government by reason of a personality disorder.

As you have not demonstrated that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability on 18 March 1998, the Board was unable to recommend that your record be corrected to show that you were separated or retired by reason of physical disability. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

If you would like to request that the basis of your discharge be changed to something other than physical disability, you should complete the enclosed DD Form 293 and submit it to the Naval Discharge Review Board at the address listed in the form.

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

Enclosure