



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

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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 13 October 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 6 June 1983. On 24 October 1983, after a suicide attempt by taking an overdose of sleeping pills and erythromycin, you were diagnosed with a severe personality disorder, associated with a familial history of schizophrenia. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action due to your diagnosed personality disorder. You elected to waive the rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 30 November 1983, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under honorable conditions to the separation authority. On 24 January 1984, the separation authority directed that you receive a general discharge by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder. You were so discharged on 7 February 1984.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in characterization of your discharge due to the diagnosed

personality disorder and your suicidal gesture. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for a better characterization of service. 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