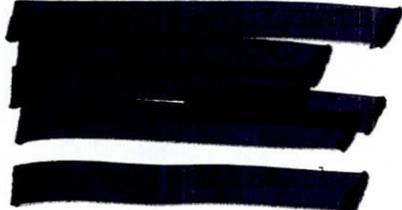




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3450-10
11 February 2011



This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 9 February 2011. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 on 13 July 2005 at age 17 and served without disciplinary incident.

On 20 July 2007, after being referred for a psychiatric evaluation, you were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder with mixed emotional features (disturbance of emotions and conduct), and a paranoid personality disorder. As a result, you were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation. On 3 May 2007 your commanding officer stated, as reflected in your separation performance evaluation, that you were not recommended for retention, advancement, or reenlistment due to your diagnosed personality disorder. Your commanding officer further stated, in part, that although you gave your utmost abilities to succeed and further the mission of the Navy, your condition was not conducive to further service.

Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to your diagnosed personality disorder. The discharge authority directed your commanding officer to issue an honorable discharge by reason of the diagnosed personality disorder, and on 31 July 2007 you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to change your reenlistment code. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change of your reenlistment code because of the seriousness of your diagnosed personality disorder and the nonrecommendation for retention, advancement, or reenlistment. Finally, the Board found that you did not provide any psychiatric evidence to negate the diagnosis of a personality disorder. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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