



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

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Docket No. 09692-10
1 October 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. You contend that your discharge by reason of a personality disorder is erroneous because you were never evaluated by a mental health practitioner, and that you were told that your reentry code would "go away" after six months.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 30 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this regard the Board found that you were referred for psychiatric evaluation on 27 August 1989 with a provisional diagnosis of "bipolar affective disorder, currently manic". You underwent psychological evaluation on 31 August 1989 at the Psychiatric Clinic, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. You reported a history of stress and suicidal ideation related to an assault on your wife, financial problems, and not adapting to the military. The clinical psychologist who conducted the evaluation gave you a diagnosis of a mixed personality disorder and recommended that you be administratively discharged. You were discharged by reason of a personality disorder

and assigned a reentry code of RE-4 on 24 April 1989. There is no indication in the available records that you were advised that your reentry code would "go away" after six months.

In view of the foregoing, and as you have not demonstrated that it would be in the interest of justice for the Board to change your reentry code in order to facilitate your enlistment in a branch of the National Guard, which will not accept you with your current reentry code, 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director