



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

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Docket No: 00299-11
27 October 2011

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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 25 October 2011. 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.

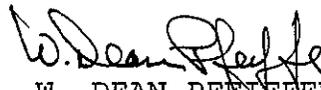
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 25 February 2008. The Board found that on 7 March 2008, a recruit mental health evaluation was conducted, and you were diagnosed with a depressive disorder. The report stated, in part, that you were depressed before joining the Navy, including one pill overdose and were on antidepressants. While in boot camp, you were depressed again, had crying spells, feelings of hopelessness, trouble sleeping, bad appetite, and were irritable. You were counseled regarding your condition, and advised to seek treatment after separation. Subsequently, you were processed for separation by reason of erroneous enlistment due to the diagnosed depressive disorder. On 14 March 2008, after you were advised of your rights, you elected to receive copies of documents to be forwarded to the separation authority, but waived all your other procedural rights. On 28 March 2008, you were discharged with an entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry, and assigned and RE-4 reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and short period of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reentry code given the diagnosed depressive disorder. 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