



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

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Docket No: 01792-11  
2 December 2011



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 November 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 28 August 1991. The Board found that on 1 April 1992, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation. You were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder, a personality disorder that existed prior to you entering the Navy, and were severely dependent on alcohol. The report further stated that you presented an ongoing suicide risk. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed adjustment and personality disorders. You elected to waive the rights to consult counsel, or submit a statement. Your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation for discharge to the separating authority. The recommendation was approved and on 4 May 1992 you received a general discharge.

Characterization of service is based, in part, on trait marks assigned on a periodic basis. Since your record is incomplete, it must be presumed that your trait mark average did not meet the minimum average required for a fully honorable discharge.

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 recharacterization of your discharge given the diagnoses of an adjustment and personality disorders, and suicide risk. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director