



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 04298-12
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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 19 March 2013. 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 2 August 1976. The Board found that on 20 June 1977, you were diagnosed with an immature personality disorder that existed prior to your entry onto active duty. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated by reason of convenience of the government due to poor job performance. Your commanding officer stated, in part, that your performance was noncontributory to unit readiness and mission accomplishment as specifically evidenced by your below average performance ratings, and that you were unable to adapt to military life. After being afforded all of your procedural rights, you received a general discharge on 23 September 1977.

Characterization of service is based in part on conduct marks assigned on a periodic basis. Your conduct average was 2.6. At the time of your service, a conduct average of 3.0 was required for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, record of service, medical issues, and desire to upgrade your characterization of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded

these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your characterization of service given your poor performance, the fact that you were unable to adapt to military life, and failure to attain the required average in conduct. 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