



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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TAL
Docket No: 7307-14
30 July 2015

Dear

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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 24 June 2015. 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 and began a period of active duty on 24 April 1989. On 9 May 1989, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation due to your suicidal gesture. During the evaluation you stated in part, the only time you feel good is with your mother, you were having extreme difficulty adjusting to the military environment, you were experiencing suicidal thoughts, thoughts of harming others, decreased sleep and appetite, an inability to relax, and fear of loss of control. You were diagnosed with a dependent personality disorder that existed prior to your enlistment. You were recommended for

administrative separation due to your inability to adapt to military service. Subsequently you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of your diagnosed personality disorder. Your commanding officer directed an uncharacterized separation and you were so discharged on 6 June 1989.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge and change your narrative reason for separation. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant relief in your case. The Board noted that you were notified of your separation process within 180 days of the beginning of your period of active service. Applicable regulations authorize an uncharacterized entry level separation if the processing of the individual's separation begins within 180 days of entry on active duty. 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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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,

5 U.S.C 552(b) (6)



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Executive Director