



administrative separation vice referral to the Disability Evaluation System. Consequently, you were discharged for condition not a disability on 16 August 2019 with an Honorable characterization of service. Post-discharge, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rated you for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) with a 100% disability rating effective the day after your discharge from the Marine Corps.

The Board carefully considered your arguments that your narrative reason for separation should be changed to disability. You argue that you were unfit as a result of your PTSD and misdiagnosed with a personality disorder. You make this request, in part, in order to obtain full GI Bill benefits from the VA. Unfortunately, the Board disagreed with your rationale for relief. In making their findings, the Board substantially concurred with the advisory opinions in your case. Specifically, the Board concluded that there was insufficient evidence that you were unfit for PTSD at the time of your discharge. As explained in the advisory opinion, the Marine Corps concluded your Adjustment and Personality Disorders made you unsuitable for continued service in the Marine Corps. The Board determined that the preponderance of the evidence supports these diagnoses based on the multiple times you were evaluated and diagnosed for these conditions during your active duty service. The fact the VA determined you may have been suffering from PTSD did not persuade the Board that you were misdiagnosed or wrongfully processed for your Adjustment and Personality Disorders since these conditions are not mutually exclusive conditions. Therefore, the Board found no error with the Marine Corps' actions to administratively separate you at the convenience of the government based on these diagnoses. More importantly, the Board felt you fraudulently entered the Marine Corps by failing to disclose your preservice psychiatric hospitalizations and serious mental health issues. In their opinion, your preservice mental health history, was more likely than not, would have disqualified you from enlistment in the Marine Corps. Based on this finding, they felt you should not benefit from your fraudulent behavior to obtain additional benefits from the military. Accordingly, the Board found insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant a change to your record.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or 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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Deputy Director