



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

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Docket No: 1372-01
14 August 2001

Dear [REDACTED]

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 26 July 2001. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board did not accept your unsubstantiated contentions to the effect that you were mistakenly thought to have attempted to commit suicide while in the Marine Corps, that you did not suffer from a personality disorder, and that you did not want to get out of the Marine Corps. It found that you underwent a psychiatric evaluation while hospitalized from 4 to 6 February 1986, after you were observed making a suicidal gesture. You indicated that you had felt increasingly depressed and homesick since entering the service, and that you had a poor appetite and difficulty sleeping. You reported that you felt angry toward your superiors for treating you like an "animal", and expressed your anger passively by doing less than was expected of you. You admitted that you had impulsively ingested a number of analgesic tablets together with one-half of a bottle of cough syrup; however, you stated that you wanted "...to be home, not dead", and that you did not have thoughts of suicide. The examining psychiatrist described your mood as depressed, and your affect as tearful. He felt that you had made a manipulative suicidal gesture. He gave you a diagnosis of a mixed personality disorder, with avoidant and passive aggressive traits, severe, and recommended that you be discharged from the Marine Corps. You were discharged in accordance with his

findings on 21 February 1986, without objection by you.

In the absence of evidence which demonstrates that the diagnosis made in your case and your discharge from the Marine Corps were erroneous, and that you were unfit by reason of physical disability incurred in or aggravated by your service, the Board was unable to recommend any corrective action in your case. 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