



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

TRG  
Docket No: 1730-01  
24 July 2001

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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 17 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 found that you enlisted in the Navy Reserve and reported for three years of active duty on 6 August 1985. The record shows that you satisfactorily completed initial training and on 22 December 1985 you reported aboard the USS SHASTA (AE 33). On 10 March 1986 you received nonjudicial punishment for an unspecified period of unauthorized absence. Subsequently, you were admitted to the hospital after you made a suicidal gesture. On 1 April 1986 you were diagnosed with a severe mixed personality disorder with passive and borderline features. The psychiatrist concluded that the personality disorder was of such severity as to preclude satisfactory military service and you were extremely self-destructive and unpredictable. Your administrative separation was strongly recommended.

Based on the diagnosed personality disorder you were processed for an administrative discharge. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. On 4 April 1986 the commanding officer recommended a general discharge. After review the discharge authority directed the type of discharge warranted by your service record. You were issued a general discharge on 10 April 1986.

The type of discharge warranted by the service record is normally based on conduct and overall trait averages which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your record shows that you received a "not observed" evaluation on 31 January 1986, and were not evaluated again in your remaining short period of service. The Board believed that the nonjudicial punishment was sufficient to support the issuance of a general discharge. The Board concluded that the discharge was proper as issued and no change is warranted.

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