



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

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Docket No: 2857-99
19 June 2000

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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 25 May 2000. 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 reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 18 January 1978. You received nonjudicial punishment on three occasions, and were convicted by summary and special courts-martial, and accumulated 194 days lost time. On 8 June 1982, you were evaluated by a psychiatrist and given a diagnosis of a schizotypal personality disorder. The diagnosis was confirmed by another psychiatrist on 13 July 1982. You were discharged from the Marine Corps on 29 July 1982, with a discharge under other than honorable conditions, by reason of misconduct/frequent involvement of a discreditable nature with military authorities.

The Board noted that a schizotypal personality disorder is not a psychotic disorder, and it is a different, much less severe disorder than schizophrenia. Although a personality disorder may render a service member unsuitable for military service, it is not considered a disability under the laws administered by the Department of the Navy. Based on its review of the available records, the Board was not persuaded that you suffered from a major mental disorder during your service in the Marine Corps, or that your numerous acts of misconduct should be excused because you suffered from a mental disorder. The Board concluded that

your service was appropriately characterized by a discharge under other than honorable conditions. 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