



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

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Docket No: 7443-00
24 September 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 20 September 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. In this regard, the Board found that although you had several minor medical complaints during your brief period of service, you were ultimately discharged because of a mental disorder which was mis-characterized by your command as a personality disorder. The Board noted that you concealed a history of a related mental disorder when you underwent your pre-enlistment physical examination, and that it appears that your pre-existing mental state was such that you could not withstand the rigors of military training. As the Naval Discharge Review Board changed the basis for your discharge from a personality disorder to Secretarial Authority, it does not appear that any further corrective action is warranted. You are not entitled to a characterized separation, because your separation processing was initiated while you were in an entry level status. There is no basis for correcting your record to show that you were discharged by reason of physical disability, because there is no indication in the available records that you were unfit by reason of physical disability. 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director