



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

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Docket No: 3149-02
22 October 2002



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 . 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. You underwent a pre-separation physical examination on 18 December 1986, and were found qualified for separation. You stated that you were in good health at that time, and denied a history of depression, excessive worry or nervous trouble of any sort. You were released from active duty on 28 January 1987, and transferred to the Naval Reserve.

The Board rejected your contention to the effect that you were erroneously diagnosed as suffering from a personality disorder in 1986. Although it is possible that you were experiencing the initial manifestations of a condition later diagnosed as a bipolar disorder, you have not demonstrated that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability when you were released from active duty. 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