



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

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Docket No: 3375-07
21 April 2008

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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 5 March 2008. 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.

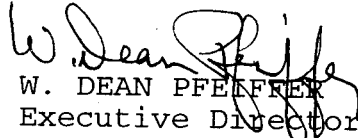
The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 21 November 2005. On 22 November 2005 you were referred for psychological evaluation after disclosing a pre-service history of intentionally burning and cutting yourself on multiple occasions. You advised the psychologist that when asked by recruiting officials about the origin of related scars, you told those officials you did not remember how you got the scars. The psychologist determined that you suffered from a disruptive behavior disorder, and that you posed a risk if retained on active duty, and recommended that you be separated from the Navy. You were discharged on 7 December 2005, with an entry level separation by reason of erroneous enlistment, and assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

The Board did not accept your uncorroborated contentions to the effect that you did not suffer from a disruptive behavior disorder, and that as you were fully qualified for service, you should have been retained on active duty. It concluded that you were properly separated by reason of erroneous entry based on your disqualifying mental disorder. A reentry code of RE-4 is authorized by regulatory guidance and is often assigned to service members separated by reason of erroneous enlistment,

especially in cases such as yours, where an enlistment is deemed erroneous because of a disqualifying psychological condition that is diagnosed shortly after entry on 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,


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Executive Director