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

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Docket No: 5018-09
2 April 2010

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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 24 March 2010. 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 15 November 1988 at age 19. You were the subject of several psychiatric evaluations from the period of 16 February 1989 though 27 February 1989 that diagnosed you with a severe borderline personality disorder that existed prior to entry into the service. During the evaluation it was stated, in part, that you were referred by the Chaplain for suicidal ideation and complained of anxiety, headaches, moodiness, fatigue, indecisiveness, stomach troubles, angry outbursts, and loneliness. You were recommended for separation and found to be unsuitable for continued military service due to your personality disorder which if retained might have led to a possible suicide attempt. On 5 April 1989, you were notified of pending administrative separation action due to your diagnosed personality disorder. On 20 April 1989, your commanding officer directed that you be discharged by reason of erroneous enlistment. On 5 May 1989, you received an entry level separation and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, overall record of service and the character letter. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your characterization of service given the diagnosis of a personality disorder. 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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