



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

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Docket No: 13798-10
17 February 2011

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 15 February 2011. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 on 17 July 2007 at age 18 and served without disciplinary incident.

On 11 January 2008, after being referred for a psychiatric evaluation due to suicidal ideation and depression, you were diagnosed with a depressive disorder, severe attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and a history of drug abuse, all of which existed prior to your enlistment. The report stated in part, that your disorders/conditions were sufficiently severe to impair your ability to function effectively in a military environment and that you were a threat to yourself and others. As a result, you were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation.


Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to your diagnosed depressive disorder, ADHD, and history of drug abuse. The discharge authority directed an uncharacterized entry level

separation by reason of convenience of the government due to an erroneous entry. On 5 February 2007, while serving in paygrade E-1, you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, post service conduct, character reference letters, and desire to change your reenlistment code. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change of your reenlistment code because of the seriousness of your diagnosed depressive disorder, ADHD, suicidal ideation, and history of drug abuse. Finally, the Board found that you did not provide any medical or mental health evidence to negate the diagnosis of your conditions. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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