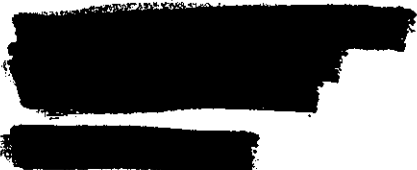




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 11615-10
17 August 2011



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 16 August 2011. 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.

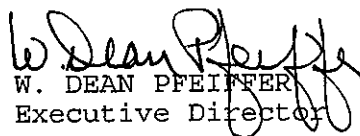
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 22 November 1988. The Board found that on 22 January 1990, you were medically evaluated for extreme feelings of paranoia stemming from an incident of sexual/physical harassment at your command. It was reported that you felt like people were always staring at you and you were afraid to be alone. Further, you were not sleeping or eating. You were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder with mixed features, and a personality disorder with paranoid features. You were counseled regarding your paranoid personality traits which were causing stressful conditions in the work center and your inability to work with others. On 26 February 1990, you were evaluated and it was determined that you were not able to benefit from individual or group therapy. It was learned that you had a history of sexual abuse prior to entering the service and were unable to deal with the stress of the military. It was recommended that you be administratively separated from the service. Subsequently, administrative discharge action was initiated to separate you due to your diagnosed personality disorder. You elected to waive the rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 25 April 1990, your commanding officer directed that you be honorably discharged. He stated, in part, that you had submitted a sexual harassment complaint against a male co-worker. After an investigation, your complaint was substantiated and he was awarded nonjudicial punishment. However, you still complained of paranoid feelings about working with men in your shop and living in the barracks which allowed close proximity to men. You also spoke of

childhood molestation, abuse and pre-service counseling for sexual abuse. You were advised to seek counseling and attend therapy for adults molested as children. At that time you were assigned to another location where you could work more independently. However, within a month, you complained again of your inability to adjust to your working conditions. You were honorably discharged on 6 April 1990 due to your diagnosed personality disorder. At that time, you were assigned a RE-3G reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service and desire to have your reentry code changed. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change to the reason for your discharge or a change in your reentry code given the diagnosis of a personality disorder, and inability to adjust to your living and working conditions. In this regard, you were assigned the most favorable reentry code based on your circumstances. The Board noted that you waived your procedural right to and ADB, your best opportunity for retention. The RE-3G reentry code may not prohibit reenlistment, but requires that a waiver be obtained from recruiting personnel who are responsible for reviewing the feasibility of satisfying the Navy's personnel manning goals by determining whether or not an individual meets the standards for reenlistment. If you wish to reenlist, re-affiliate, or be reinstated in the Navy, you should contact the Navy Recruiting Command via your nearest recruiting facility. 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