



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4240-13
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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 26 March 2014. 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 and began a period of active on 7 February 1996 at age 23. On 19 February 1997, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation due to suicidal ideation. You stated in part that studying added too much pressure to your marriage and that there was too much pressure to pass tests. You further stated that you were put on this planet to be your wife's husband and to make her happy. You were diagnosed with a severe adjustment disorder with depressed mood and borderline dependent narcissistic features that existed prior to enlistment. Due to your severe personality disorder, you represented a continuing risk of harm to yourself and others if

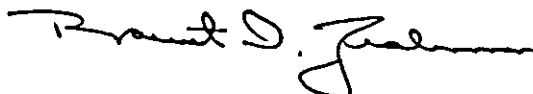
allowed to continue on active duty. You were notified of pending administrative discharge processing with a general discharge. On 2 April 1997, you received the general discharge by reason of your diagnosed personality disorder.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the characterization of service given your diagnosed personality disorder. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

Each branch of the Armed Forces established its own criteria for enlistment within the provisions of federal law. The characterization assigned by the Navy is not binding upon the other services, which are free to accept or reject an application on the basis of their own standards. If another branch of service decides to waive your general characterization of service and accept you for enlistment, the Navy will not object.

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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Acting Executive Director