



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

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Docket No: 1675-01
1 February 2002



Dear [REDACTED]

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 17 January 2002. 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 were evaluated by a clinical psychologist on 17 March 1992, and were given diagnoses of post traumatic stress disorder, and personality disorder, not otherwise specified, with immature and anti-social features. The psychologist apparently believed that the latter disorder rendered you unsuitable for military service, and he recommended that you be discharged expeditiously because of that disorder. In his opinion, you did not require and would not benefit from hospitalization or psychiatric treatment. Although you were not considered homicidal or suicidal, the psychologist felt that you would be a continuing danger to yourself and others if retained in the Navy. He also recommended that you seek treatment for the post traumatic stress disorder from the Department of Veterans Affairs following your separation. You underwent a pre-separation physical examination on 7 April 1992, and were found physically qualified for separation. You were discharged from the Navy on 16 April 1992 by reason of "OTHER PHYSICAL/MENTAL CONDITIONS - PERSONALITY DISORDERS".

The fact that you suffered from post traumatic stress disorder during your naval service was

not considered probative of the existence of material error or injustice in your naval record,. In this regard, the Board was not persuaded that you were unfit to perform the duties of your office, grade, rank or rating by reason of physical disability because of that condition. In addition, it noted that a personality disorder is not considered to be a disability under the laws administered by the military departments. 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