



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

SMS
Docket No: 7178-08
13 April 2009



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 8 April 2009. 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.

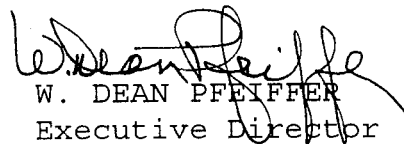
On 15 June 1998, you enlisted in the Navy at age 18. On 8 July 1998, you had a psychiatric evaluation during which you stated that you had pre-service suicidal ideation, could not adjust, and would kill yourself if you remained at recruit training. The evaluation diagnosed you as having an adjustment disorder with a depressed mood and recommended separation. On 13 July 1998, your commanding officer initiated an entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry. In connection with this processing, you acknowledged the separation action. On 11 July 1998, the separation authority approved the recommendation and directed an entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry. On 17 July 1998, you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations authorize assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to members who are discharged due to erroneous entry and are considered a threat to harm themselves or others if retained.

The Board noted your contention that you gave false information while at recruit training in order to facilitate your discharge, but found that it does not negate the psychiatric evaluation. Therefore, given your pre-service suicidal ideation and threat to kill yourself while at recruit training, and since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code. 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