



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

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Docket No: 8546-08
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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 27 May 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

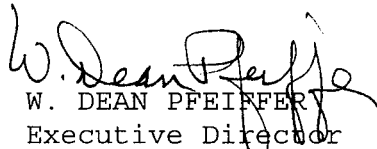
On 24 October 1991, you enlisted in the Navy at age 19. Based on the information currently contained in the record your commanding officer subsequently initiated administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to other physical/mental condition because of a diagnosed personality disorder, and recommended an honorable characterization of service. In connection with this processing, you would have acknowledged the separation action and been given an opportunity to submit a statement. Apparently, the separation authority approved the discharge recommendation and directed an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to other physical/mental condition due to a personality disorder. On 19 June 1992, a service record entry was made which stated that you were not recommended for reenlistment due to being discharged for other physical/mental condition due to a personality disorder, and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code. On 24 June 1992, you were honorably discharged by reason of convenience of the government due to other physical/mental condition due to a personality disorder and assigned an RE-3G reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potential mitigation, such as your honorable

characterization of service. The Board also considered the professional opinion that you provided with your application as well as your disagreement with your reason for separation and reenlistment code. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the reason for discharge or reenlistment code. In this regard, the record shows that you were discharged as a result of other physical/mental condition due to a personality disorder, and subsequent evaluations or professional opinions do not negate the basis for which you were separated. Furthermore, although a service record entry shows that you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code, the DD Form 214 that was issued on the date of discharge shows that you were assigned an RE-3G. Regulations authorize assignment of an RE-3G reenlistment code to service members who are discharged due to other physical/mental condition due to a personality disorder, and it is not considered derogatory. Therefore, the Board concluded that the reason for separation and reenlistment code were proper as issued and no change is warranted. 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