



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

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Docket No: 11385-08
24 June 2009

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 17 June 2009. 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 on 25 September 1986 at age 18 and began a period of active duty on 10 November 1986. During the period from 1 to 15 May 1987, while in recruit training, you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation due to your statement of your desire to commit suicide as a means of getting out of the Navy. You were diagnosed with a severe mixed personality disorder with passive aggressive and borderline features which rendered you unsuitable for productive military service. Your disorder was found to be untreatable with conventional therapy and would likely result in ongoing occupational maladjustments. You were found to be unfit for further service and recommended for an expeditious administrative separation.


On 5 May 1987 you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder with suicidal ideation. At that

time you did not object to the separation and waived your right to submit a rebuttal statement to the aforementioned notification. On 21 May 1987 the separation authority directed discharge under honorable conditions by reason of convenience of the government due to a physical or mental condition as evidenced by a diagnosed severe personality disorder. On 28 May 1987 you acknowledged, by signing an administrative remarks entry, that you were not eligible for reenlistment due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 30 May 1987 you were issued a general discharge and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, desire to change your narrative reason for separation and reenlistment code, post service conduct, character reference letters, and the passage of time. It also considered the psychiatric center documentation you provided in support of your case. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your narrative reason for separation or reenlistment code. Further, the Board concluded that the severity of your diagnosed personality disorder was sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code. Finally, such a code is authorized by regulatory guidance and normally assigned to Sailors who are separated, while serving in paygrade E-1 and are not recommended for reenlistment due to their physical or mental condition. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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