



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

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Docket No: 3657-09
12 February 2010

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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 3 February 2010. 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.

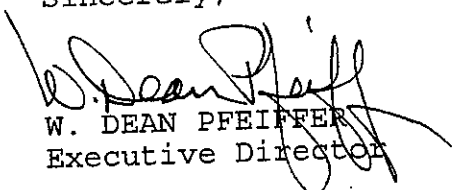
You enlisted in the Navy on 24 November 1997 at age 17 and served without disciplinary incident. Your record reflects that on 30 July 1998, after undergoing a psychiatric evaluation, you were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder with depressed mood and a personality disorder with schizoid and obsessive trends. The psychiatric report stated, in part, that you were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation because of your inability to adapt to everyday stressors, lack of interest in your physical health, continuing risk of harm to yourself, and demoralization to the environment. As a result of the foregoing, on 13 August 1998, you were notified of administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to unsuitability as evidenced by your diagnosed personality and adjustment disorders. At that time you did not object to the separation and waived your right to submit a separation rebuttal statement. On 20 August 1998 your commanding officer recommended discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to unsuitability as evidenced by your diagnosed personality disorder, and further

noted that you were not recommended for retention or reenlistment. The discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed your commanding officer to issue you a general discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to unsuitability as evidenced by your diagnosed personality disorder. On 15 October 1998 you were so discharged 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 and desire to change your reenlistment code. It also considered the supporting documentation provided with your application. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code because of your diagnosed personality disorder. Further, the Board concluded that your diagnosed psychiatric disorders and nonrecommendation for retention or reenlistment were sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code, which is authorized by regulatory guidance. 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