



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

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Docket No: 11840-09
30 August 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 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 24 August 2010. 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.

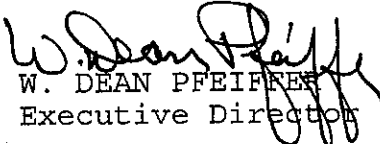
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 24 August 1998. The Board found that based on the information currently contained in your record you were the subject of an erroneous enlistment as evidenced by a dysthymic disorder that existed prior to your entry. Subsequently, you were processed for separation by reason of erroneous enlistment. On 3 September 1998, you received an entry level separation. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code as result of your diagnosis that stated, in part, that you had a pattern of behavior characterized by a depressed mood, increased isolation, uncontrollable crying, insomnia, poor concentration, an appetite disturbance, and a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, short period of service, and desire to change your RE-4 reenlistment code. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant such a change given the

diagnosed dysthymic disorder. In this regard, you were assigned the appropriate reenlistment code based on your circumstances. 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