



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

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Docket No: 00937-10  
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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 26 October 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.

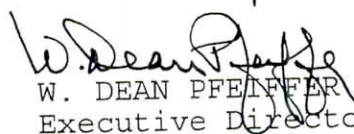
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 1 July 1986. The Board found that on 22 September 1986, you were admitted to a psychiatric unit because of suicidal behavior. The evaluation stated, in part, that this was your second hospitalization and after being informed you were not being administratively separated from the service, you took a razor back to your room and made numerous superficial lacerations on your left forearm. Further, you stated that if you were sent back to duty, you would try to hurt yourself in order to get out of the Navy. You were diagnosed with a severe dependent personality disorder and recommended for separation because of your manipulative and suicidal behaviors in order to be discharged. You were counseled regarding your intentional inefficiencies, failure to get along with your peers and adapting to the military service, and warned that further manifestations of your personality disorder would result in administrative discharge action. At that time, you were afforded group, individual, and milieu psychotherapy. Subsequently, you were processed for an entry level separation by reason of a personality disorder. Based on the information currently

contained in your record it appears that after being afforded all of your procedural rights, you were discharged on 7 November 1986.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and short period of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change to the reason for your discharge due to the diagnosed personality disorder and suicidal ideation. Finally, with regard to your characterization of service, the Board found that you were notified of your separation process within 180 days of the beginning of your period of active service. Navy regulations authorize an uncharacterized entry level separation if the processing of a Sailor's separation begins within 180 days of his entry on active duty. 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,

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director