



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

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Docket No: 6785-10
22 April 2011



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 19 April 2011. 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 August 1988 at age 23 and served without disciplinary incident. About seven months later, in March 1989, you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation because of your somatization disorder and repeated reporting for medical attention. You were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder with physical complaints and a depressed mood, and a dependent and avoidant personality disorder. The report stated, in part, that because you were potentially dangerous to yourself and others, you were recommended for an administrative separation.


Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to your diagnosed personality disorder. Your commanding officer recommended discharge by reason of the diagnosed personality disorder and further stated that you were not recommended for retention or

reenlistment. The discharge authority directed an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to a diagnosed personality disorder, and on 23 March 1989, you were so discharged and were 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 desire to change the narrative reason for separation and reenlistment code. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant changes in the narrative reason for separation or reenlistment code because of the severity of your diagnosed personality disorder. Finally, the Board found that you did not provide any psychiatric evidence to negate the diagnosis of a personality disorder at the time of your naval service. 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