



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

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Docket No: 7614-10
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 May 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 12 February 1987 at age 19 and served without disciplinary incident.


Your record reflects that during the period from 4 to 16 March 1988, you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation because of your suicide gestures of ingesting a large amount of multiple medicines. After undergoing these psychiatric evaluations, you were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder, stress reaction, depression, and a mixed personality disorder with immature borderline features. The psychiatric report stated, in part, that the long standing disorders of character and behavior were of such severity that they rendered you incapable of adequately serving in the Navy. In other words the disorders negatively impacted your performance of duty and affected your ability to function effectively. The evaluations also stated that you had no potential for further service and were recommended for an expeditious administrative separation.

As a result of the foregoing you were notified of administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At that time you did not object to the separation and waived your rights to submit a separation rebuttal statement. On 12 April 1988 your commanding officer recommended discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder, and further noted that you were not recommended for retention or reenlistment. On 20 April 1988 the discharge authority approved this recommendation and directed your commanding officer to issue you an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 25 April 1988 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 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. Finally, the Board concluded that your present clinical psychologist evaluation does not refute the Navy's psychiatric evaluations which were conducted more than 22 years ago. 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