



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

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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 19 July 2011. 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 21 December 1992. The Board found that on 10 November 1993, you were medically evaluated after ingesting five to seven Motrin pills in an effort to gain attention and sympathy. At that time, it was determined that you had a "do not care attitude". Additionally, it was reported that you had made a suicidal gesture. You were counseled and asked not to do harm to yourself, and scheduled for a follow-up evaluation. You were later diagnosed with a personality disorder. It was stated that you displayed a longstanding disorder of character and behavior which was of such severity as to render you incapable of serving adequately in the Navy. Further, although you were not suicidal or homicidal at that time, you were judged to represent a continued risk to harm yourself or others if retained due to chronic difficulties coping with the routine stress of military life. Subsequently, you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. You elected to waive the rights to consult counsel, and submit a statement. Your

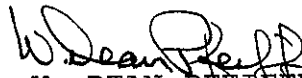
commanding officer directed your separation stating, in part, that you could not cope with normal day-to-day stress involved in long duty hours. Further, you experienced personality conflicts with other Sailors due to your selfishness, immature attitude, and behavior. On 24 November 1993, you received an honorable discharge due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At that time, you were assigned an RE-4 reentry code.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, immaturity, record of service, and post service issues. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reentry code given the diagnosis of a personality disorder. An RE-4 reentry code is routinely assigned under such circumstances. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

With regard to your current personal issues you are experiencing, The Board believes that you may be eligible for veterans' assistance based on your honorable characterization or service. Whether or not you are eligible for benefits based on your period of service is a matter under the cognizance of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). If you have been denied benefits, you should appeal that denial under procedures established by the DVA.

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