



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

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Docket No: 11416-10
22 July 2011

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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 20 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 29 April 1997 at age 21. On 10 August 1997, you were the subject of a mental health evaluation that diagnosed you with a severe adjustment disorder with mixed anxious and depressed mood and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder that existed prior to entry. The diagnosed condition interfered with your potential for performance of expected duties and responsibilities while on active duty. You stated in part that you had sleep disturbances, weight loss, suicidal ideation, conflict with the separation from your wife, nervousness, depression, fearfulness, hopelessness, worthlessness, and desperation with the demands of military duty.

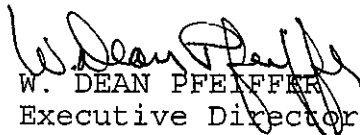
You were notified of the recommendation that you be discharged by reason of erroneous entry. Subsequently, your commanding officer directed an entry level separation and you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code on 30 September 1997.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board concluded

these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the narrative reason for separation or reenlistment code which was based on your diagnosed personality disorder. 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 PFEFFER
Executive Director