



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 1286-14
13 March 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 24 February 2015. 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 and began a period of active duty on 9 October 1984. On 15 May 1986, you were the subject of a psychiatric evaluation after making a suicidal ideation. You were diagnosed with a severe personality disorder. On 20 May 1986, 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, or submit a statement. On 23 May 1986, your commanding officer forwarded your case to the separation authority recommending that you be discharged. The separation authority concurred and directed that you receive an honorable discharge. You were so discharged on 5 June 1996.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your record of service, medical issues and desire to change the reason for your discharge. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing the reason for your discharge given the diagnoses of a personality disorder and suicidal ideation. 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 within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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,



ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director