



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

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Docket No: 2878-02
4 November 2002



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 3 October 2002. 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this regard, it noted that on 21 January 2000, you underwent psychiatric evaluation because of your history of extreme anger and frustration in the face of military authority, which began in boot camp. You disclosed a history of sleepwalking as a child, which you had concealed when you underwent a pre-enlistment physical examination. You also indicated that you had engaged in fire-starting, and had set curtains on fire in the past year. In addition, you stated that you ran away from home several times, and that you were told that you were a hyperactive child. In the opinion of the psychiatrist, you had been unable to cope with the perceived abuses of military discipline, and were struggling to keep your antisocial behavior in check. He gave you a diagnosis of a Personality Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified, with antisocial and narcissistic features, which, in his opinion, rendered you incapable of serving adequately in the Navy. You were discharged from the Navy on 18 February 2000 because of that condition, and assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

The Board was not persuaded that the aforementioned diagnosis is erroneous. The naked assertion of an Army psychiatrist that you do not suffer from a mental disorder was considered insufficient to warrant any corrective action in your case. The Board also concluded that given your hostility toward military authority, you are unsuitable for military

service, irrespective of the validity of your diagnosis. 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,

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Executive Director