



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 2800-99

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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, 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 14 July 1999. 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 18. A psychiatric evaluation, conducted on 13 December 1994, diagnosed you with a personality disorder. Subsequently, on 30 January 1995 you received an honorable discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At that time you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your contention that you did not have a personality disorder. However, the Board concluded that since you submitted no evidence that you were incorrectly diagnosed with a personality disorder, there is no basis to change the reason for your discharge.

The Board also noted that an RE-4 reenlistment code is authorized by regulatory guidance and often assigned to individuals separated due to diagnosed personality disorders. It means that you may not reenlist in the Marine Corps without prior approval

of the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your reenlistment code.

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 PFEIFFER
Executive Director