



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

JRE
Docket No: 1332-01
10 July 2001

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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 June 2000. 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 underwent a pre-enlistment physical examination on 15 January 1999. You completed a Standard Form 88, Report of Medical History, on that date. You denied a history of psychiatric symptoms or treatment on the front side of the form, and disclosed a history of counseling for "normal teenage rebellion" on the reverse side. The physician who conducted the examination determined that you were disqualified for service, apparently due to elevated blood pressure, and a history of mental disorder. You were subsequently found qualified for enlistment, after your blood pressure returned to normal levels, and you apparently received a waiver of your psychiatric history. You enlisted in the Navy on 18 March 1999. On 24 March 1999, you revealed a four year history of treatment for depression, and stated that you were unable to cope with the service. You reported experiencing increasing symptoms of depression, anxiety, difficulty sleeping, anger, and inability to concentrate at that time. You were discharged by reason of erroneous enlistment on 1 April 1999, because of your psychiatric history and symptoms. You were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4 to indicate that you were not eligible or recommended for reenlistment.

The Board was not persuaded that your discharge by reason of erroneous enlistment was unjust. It is clear that you did not make full disclosure of your psychiatric history when you applied for enlistment. Had you made full disclosure, it is unlikely that you would have been found qualified for enlistment. Accordingly, and as you do not appear to be suitable for military service, the Board declined to take any action which might facilitate your reentry into the Armed Forces.

In view of the foregoing, 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