



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

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Docket No: 4796-01
8 November 2001

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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 7 November 2001. 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.

The Board found you enlisted in the Navy on 15 June 1999 at the age of 18. Your record reflects that on 30 June 1999, after undergoing a mental health evaluation, you were diagnosed with a paranoid personality disorder and while in recruit training recommended for an expeditious administrative separation. The report noted, in part, as follows:

(Member) made frequent complaints that other are targeting and mistreating him. He has no one he can fully confided in. (Member) stated "I hold a grudge, and I pick and choose my time to get back." (Member) is an angry person. His hard-card listed one of his hobbies as "killing small defenseless animals with big guns." (Member) reported heavy drinking two times per week.

Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of erroneous enlistment due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 19 July 1999 you were separated from the Navy with an uncharacterized entry level separation by reason of erroneous enlistment, and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. However, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code. The Board concluded that the diagnosed paranoid personality disorder was sufficient to support the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code. Further, such a code is often assigned when individuals are separated prior to completion of recruit training by reason of erroneous enlistment due a diagnosed personality disorder. Given all the circumstances of your case, the Board concluded the assigned reenlistment code was proper and no change is warranted. 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