



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

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Docket No: 7576-01
15 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 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 1 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 21 August 1998. Shortly thereafter, you were referred to a recruit evaluation unit because you reported to be feeling overwhelmed by memories of childhood physical and emotional abuse. You also disclosed that you had used marijuana "almost daily" for one year prior to enlisting. You were discharged from the Navy on 8 September 1998 by reason of erroneous entry, because of your history of post traumatic stress disorder. You were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4, as authorized by governing directives.

The contention that you have no current symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder was carefully considered, but found insufficient to demonstrate that your reenlistment code is unjust. The Board concluded that in view of your extensive history of marijuana abuse, which you failed to disclose when you underwent your pre-enlistment physical examination, you are not suitable for military service. 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