



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

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Docket No: 8037-01  
10 April 2002

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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 2 April 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.

You enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 28 May 1996 and reported for four years of active duty on 14 January 1997. On 9 September 1997, the commanding officer of a Naval hospital reported that you had been diagnosed with a dependent personality disorder and stated, in part, as follows:

.... Expeditious administrative separation is recommended. She most likely will become an increasing administrative burden to her command with deteriorating performance, conduct, reliability and judgment. Due to the member's severe personality disorder, she poses a serious threat to the safety and well-being of herself or others which renders her incompatible with military service. ....

Based on the diagnosed personality disorder, you were processed for an administrative discharge. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. After review, the discharge authority directed an honorable discharge and you were so discharged on 27 October 1997. At that time, you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4

reenlistment code.

You contend that you should have been assigned an RE-3G reenlistment code, because you have a "condition (not a physical disability) interfering with performance of duty". However, regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder, and such a code is normally assigned when an individual is at risk to harm herself or others. Since you have been treated no differently than others discharged for that reason, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 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,

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Executive Director