



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

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Docket No: 2586-02

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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 14 August 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 29 August 2000 for four years at age 17. On 8 March 2001 you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation and were diagnosed with unspecified personality disorder with borderline features. The clinical psychologist recommended expeditious administrative separation because he believed that you posed a serious threat to yourself and/or others.

On 13 March 2001 you were notified that separation action was being initiated due to the diagnosed personality disorder. You were advised of and waived all of your procedural rights. After the separation authority directed separation, you received an general discharge by reason of personality disorder on 30 March 2001, and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations authorize the assignment of an RE-4 or RE-3G reenlistment code to an individual separated by reason of personality disorder. Due to the severity of your personality disorder and the danger that you posed to yourself and/or others if retained, the Board concluded that the RE-4 reenlistment code was properly assigned and no change is warranted.

The Board did not consider the characterization of your discharge since you did not request recharacterization, and you have not exhausted your administrative remedies by first petitioning to the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB). NDRB is authorized to change both the reason for discharge and the characterization of discharge. However, it cannot change a reenlistment code. Enclosed is a DD Form 293, which you may use to apply to NDRB.

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