



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

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Docket No: 7676-01
20 March 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 12 March 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 Navy on 25 July 1995 at age 18. You then served without incident for several years. In the performance evaluation for the period 16 July 1997 to 15 January 1998, the individual trait average was 2.50 and you were not recommended for promotion.

On 16 January 1998 you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation. The psychologist stated as follows concerning the difficulties you were having:

... (H)e has had difficulties adjusting to his current work environment and, at times, would get into verbal altercations with other staff members including people of higher rank. He had a Professional Development Board (PDB) conducted secondary to approximately 13 counseling chits and one Page 13 entry for various disciplinary problems including disrespect, poor behavior, and other issues relating to problems with authority figures. He described a long-standing history of having a grandiose sense of self importance and tended to be preoccupied with thoughts of obtaining unlimited access. He felt that he was "special and

unique" and could be understood by certain people of his caliber of intelligence and importance.

After a review of the foregoing history and psychological testing, you were diagnosed with a narcissistic personality disorder and recommended for an administrative discharge.

On 19 February 1998 you were notified of separation processing due to the diagnosed personality disorder. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. Subsequently, the commanding officer directed an honorable discharge and you were so discharged on 17 March 1998.

You contend in your application that you were very immature, and lacked people skills, which led to the misdiagnosis of a personality disorder. However, you have not submitted any evidence to support your contention that you do not have a personality disorder.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged based on a diagnosed personality disorder. The Board believed that your difficulties adapting to the Navy and the adverse performance evaluation were sufficient to support the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code. The Board concluded that the reenlistment code was properly assigned 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