



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

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Docket No: 7992-02  
17 April 2003

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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 16 April 2003. 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 12 April 2000 for four years at age 20. Your record further shows that you served for about a year without incident.

On 22 April 2001 you received a psychological evaluation due to suicidal ideation after an emergency room referral. As a result of this evaluation, you were diagnosed as having an adjustment disorder with depressed mood. You were found to be fit for duty and returned to your unit.

You were hospitalized from 22 to 24 May 2001 after making vague threats to harm yourself. As a result of this hospitalization, a psychological evaluation diagnosed you as having a borderline personality disorder with narcissistic features and alcohol

dependence. It was recommended that you receive alcohol rehabilitation treatment and that you be administratively separated due to your diagnosed personality disorder.

On 31 May 2001, you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for three instances of absence from your appointed place of duty. The punishment imposed was 45 days of restriction and 15 days of extra duty. You were also awarded a reduction in rate and forfeiture of ½ month's pay for two months, both of which were suspended for a period of six months.

Although the documents concerning your separation processing are not available in your records, it is clear that you were processed for separation due to the diagnosed personality disorder. The record clearly shows that on 6 July 2001 you received a general discharge by reason of a personality disorder, 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 risk that you posed to yourself and others if retained, the Board concluded that the RE-4 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.

The Board did not consider whether your characterization of service or reason for separation should be changed, since you did not request such action, and you have not exhausted your administrative remedy by applying to the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB). You may apply to NDRB by submitting the attached DD Form 293.

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

Enclosure:

DD Form 293