



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

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Docket No: 10311-02
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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 30 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 15 June 1999 at age 18. On 4 November 1999 you were diagnosed with an occupational problem, an adjustment disorder with depressed mood, and an unspecified personality disorder with avoidant and borderline features. The examining psychiatrist recommended discharge concluding that you would pose a danger to yourself and other if retained.

On 18 November 1999 you were advised of administrative separation processing and waived all your procedural rights except the right to obtain copies of documents forwarded to the separation supporting the basis for separation. On that same day, the commanding officer recommended that you be separated by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 9 December 1999, the separation authority approved the discharge and on 4 January 2000 you were discharged with an entry level separation with an uncharacterized characterization of service, and assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

Applicable regulations authorize the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a personality disorder. Given the diagnosed personality disorder, the Board concluded that the RE-4 reenlistment code was properly and appropriately assigned.

Accordingly, your request 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