



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

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Docket No: 10471-02
12 May 2003



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 Navy on 3 September 1998 at age 18. On 12 August 1999 you were diagnosed as having a personality disorder with borderline features. The psychologist recommended discharge because it was thought that you would be a continued danger to yourself and others if retained in the service. In this regard, the examining psychologist noted that you had two pre-service suicidal gestures and a history of depression.

On 10 September 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 authority supporting the basis for the separation. On 16 September 1999, the commanding officer approved your separation and on 28 October 1999 you received a general discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At that time, you were 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 with borderline features, two prior suicidal gestures and depression, 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.

The Board did not consider whether the characterization of service or reason for your separation should be changed, since you did not ask for such consideration 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director

Enclosure