



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

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Docket No: 4582-08
12 February 2009

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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 11 February 2009. 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.

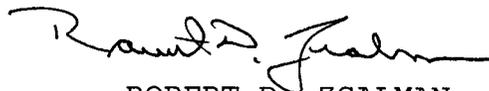
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

On 15 June 1994, you enlisted in the Navy at age 18. On 28 June 1994, you received a psychiatric evaluation during which you disclosed that you had suicidal ideation and cut your wrist at age 16. The evaluation diagnosed you as having a borderline personality disorder that existed prior to enlistment and recommended administrative separation. On 29 June 1994, your commanding officer initiated administrative separation by reason of convenience of the government due to your diagnosed personality disorder. In connection with this processing, you acknowledged the separation action. On 30 June 1994, the discharge authority approved the recommendation and directed an entry level separation by reason of convenience of the government due to a personality disorder. On 7 July 1994, you were so discharged and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board considered the post service psychiatric evaluation that you submitted with your application, but found that it does not negate the diagnosis that you received while you were in the Navy. Furthermore, regulations authorize assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to members who are discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder and are considered a risk to harm themselves or others if retained. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code. 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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Acting Executive Director