



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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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 7 April 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.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 16 July 1997 at age 19. On 14 October 1997, a recruit mental health evaluation was conducted, and it was determined that you had a history of psychiatric treatment, exhibited suicidal behavior, and had a borderline personality disorder that existed prior to your entry into the service. You were counseled regarding your condition, and advised to seek treatment after separation.

Based on the mental evaluation, you were processed for separation by reason of erroneous enlistment due to the personality disorder. On 22 October 1997, after you were advised of your rights, you elected to receive copies of the documents to be forwarded to the separation authority, but waived all your other procedural rights. Subsequently, on 28 October 1997 you were discharged with an entry level separation by reason of erroneous enlistment. At that time, you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

The Board noted that applicable regulations require the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to individuals who are separated due to erroneous enlistment based on medical conditions that existed prior to entry into the service. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your 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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Executive Director