



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 217-09
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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 14 January 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 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 7 April 2008. On 5 May 2008 you underwent a psychological evaluation and were given diagnoses of bipolar disorder and personality disorder, which existed prior to enlistment. On 3 July 2008 you received an entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry and were assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

The Board found that a reentry code of RE-4, while not required, is authorized for service members being separated by reason of erroneous entry. That code is often assigned in cases such as yours, where the enlistment is deemed erroneous because of previously undiagnosed, disqualifying psychological conditions.

The Board was not persuaded that it would be in the interest of justice to assign you a more favorable reentry 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director