



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4224-11
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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 19 January 2012. 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 7 January 1999 at age 19. You were the subject of several mental health evaluations after an episode of self-mutilation on your left arm. You stated in part that you were in so much pain inside and thought some physical pain might take away the pain. You also complained of an inability to deal with people in the Navy. You were diagnosed with a schizoid personality disorder, a long-standing disorder of character and behavior which was of such severity as to render you unsuitable for continued military service. On 25 July 1999, your commanding officer directed that you be discharged by reason of your personality disorder. You received an honorable discharge on 5 August 1999. At that time you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code. The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially

mitigating factors, such as your youth and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code given the diagnosis of a personality disorder.

An RE-4 reenlistment code is routinely assigned under such circumstances. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

Each branch of the armed forces established its own criteria for enlistment within the provisions of federal law. The reenlistment code assigned by the Navy is not binding upon the other services, which are free to accept or reject an application on the basis of their own standards. If another branch of service decides to waive your reenlistment code and accept you for enlistment, the Navy will not object.

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