



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, 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 March 2013. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 entered active duty in the Navy on 17 June 1996. Based on the information currently contained in your record it appears that you suffered blunt trauma to both of your eyes, causing a retinal scar on your left eye with permanently decreased vision. You were diagnosed as requiring ongoing lifelong monitoring. On 11 October 2011, the separation authority approved and directed that you be separated at the end of your enlistment based on your medical disqualification with an honorable characterization due to non-retention. At that time you were assigned a waivable RE-3M reenlistment code. In this regard, you were assigned the most favorable reenlistment code based on your circumstances. The RE-3M reenlistment code may not prohibit reenlistment, but requires that a waiver be obtained from recruiting personnel who are responsible for reviewing the

feasibility of satisfying the Navy's personnel manning goals by determining whether or not an individual meets the standards for reenlistment. If you wish to reenlist, re-affiliate, or be reinstated in the Navy, you should contact the Navy Recruiting Command via your nearest recruiting facility.

The Board, in its review of your record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as overall record of service and desire to change your RE-3M reenlistment code and narrative reason. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant such changes because of your diagnosed medical condition which rendered you incapable of continued service. Again, you were assigned the appropriate reenlistment code for your situation. 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