



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

TRG  
Docket No: 696-99  
20 August 1999



Dear [REDACTED]

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 17 August 1999. 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 5 June 1997 at age 18. A psychiatric evaluation completed on 20 June 1997 stated, in part, as follows:

... relates a history of "blackouts" when depressed or angry. He relates having these blackouts multiple times since age 14, and admits that he has harmed himself or become aggressive with others during these time. When (he) recovers from these blackouts which typically last from five to ten minutes he has no memory of his actions during these times. (He) admits recurrent suicidal ideation since age 17, on one occasion a friend found him allegedly in a state of blackout attempting to cut his wrists. (He) relates experiencing an increase in frequency of these blackouts since arrival at RTC. .... (He) remains an imminent risk of harm to self or others should expeditious separation not be undertaken, as (he) is not able to use normal judgment and hold himself accountable for his actions when he becomes angry and blacks out.

The diagnosis was "Impulse control disorder not otherwise

specified".

Based on the psychiatric evaluation, you were processed for an administrative separation. In connection with separation you elected to waive all of your procedural rights. On 30 June 1997 the separation authority directed an entry level separation due to erroneous entry into the Navy. You were so separated on 3 July 1997. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is separated due to erroneous entry. The Board concluded that the seriousness of the psychiatric disorder was sufficient to support separation due to an erroneous enlistment and the assignment of an 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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Executive Director