



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 1917-98

22 April 1999

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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 22 April 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.

Your record is incomplete. However, the available records show that you enlisted in the Navy on 5 November 1996 at age 21. Subsequently, you were processed for an administrative discharge. The only information in the record concerning the processing is the commanding officer's letter of 25 November 1997 which states, in part, as follows:

- The discharge is clearly the only answer due to the personality disorder.
- An administrative discharge will eliminate the constant supervision and counseling that takes a large portion of the immediate chain of command.
- He did not object to separation. I ordered that (he) be given a general discharge.

Although the DD Form 214 is not file in the service record, you state that you were issued a general discharge on 2 December 1997. This date is consistent with the date of the commanding officer's letter.

In your application you are requesting a change in your reenlistment code so that you can reenlist in the Navy.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder or when there is a record of substandard performance and counseling entries. In view of the contents of the commanding officer's letter, the Board concluded that the RE-4 reenlistment code was proper as assigned. 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