

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

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Docket No: 3990-02 3 October 2002

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 2 October 2002. 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 4 June 2001 for four years at age 18. On 10 July 2001, you were referred to recruit mental health due to your admission of prior psychiatric treatment. The attending psychologist diagnosed you with an unspecified adjustment disorder with current suicidal and homicidal ideation. An entry level separation was recommended.

On 12 July 2001 you were notified that separation action was being initiated by reason of a physical or mental condition as evidenced by your diagnosed unspecified adjustment disorder. You were advised of and waived all of your procedural rights with the exception of obtaining copies of documents that were being forwarded to support the basis for the proposed separation. On 16 July 2001 the discharge authority approved you for an uncharacterized entry level separation. You were so discharged on 19 July 2001 by reason of erroneous entry and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations require the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to an individual separated by reason of erroneous entry. The Board found no evidence that the diagnosis of adjustment disorder was incorrect. Given the apparent severity of this diagnosis, and your failure to complete recruit training, the Board concluded that the assigned reenlistment code was proper and no change is warranted. 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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