



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

TRG  
Docket No: 7151-00  
5 April 2001

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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 3 April 2001. 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 2 June 2000 at age 23. Subsequently, you were referred to the recruit mental health unit after you revealed treatment for depression with psychotropic medication from January 1999 to May 2000, and expressed suicidal ideation. You were diagnosed with a depressive disorder and were recommended for separation from the Navy.

Based on this recommendation you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of erroneous enlistment. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. After review, the separation authority directed an entry level separation and the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code. You were so separated on 10 July 2000.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is separated by reason of erroneous enlistment. Such a code is normally assigned when there is a serious disqualifying illness and the individual has expressed suicidal ideation. Since you have been treated no differently than others separated for that reason, the Board could not find

an error or injustice in the assignment of the 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