

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

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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 29 April 2003. 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.

You reenlisted in the Marine Corps on 13 November 1992 for four years. On 2 February 1996 you were promoted to staff sergeant. Subsequently you extended your enlistment and were ordered to attend Recruiter School. A counseling entry, dated 16 July 1997, states that you were being disenrolled from that school because you did not meet the financial and family stability requirements. The counseling entry points out that in February 1997 you were given an opportunity to resolve your problems and your orders were modified to give you another chance to complete the course. In connection with the disenrollment, you were given an adverse fitness report. Subsequently, your enlistment was extended on three additional occasions to allow processing of a reenlistment request and to afford you an apportunity for transition to civilian life. Since you were disqualified for assignment to recruiting duty, your request for reenlistment was denied. You were honorably discharged with separation pay on 12 December 1997. At that time, you had completed 12 years, 8 months and 4 days of active service. The reenlistment code assigned was an RE-3C.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-3C reenlistment

code when Headquarters Marine Corps believes that a restrictive reenlistment code is required and no other reenlistment code fits the circumstances of the case. It is clear that when you were disenrolled from Recruiter School, that you became noncompetitive for further promotion and that your reenlistment was in jeopardy. The Board concluded that the denial of your reenlistment and the assignment of the RE-3C reenlistment code is supported by the record and no abuse of discretion occurred.

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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