



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

TRG
Docket No: 5642-00
20 February 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 6 February 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 3 March 1987 at age 19. The record shows that on 24 June 1988 you were referred for a follow up evaluation after you expressed suicidal ideation. It states in the evaluation, in part, as follows:

... Was upset and frustrated after learning that his administrative separation processing was stopped because the command had failed to document his maladjustment to the military. Told his supervisor that he "couldn't deal with this" anymore and made reference to attempting suicide by shooting himself in the head. Reportedly has a weapon collection and even has the hollow point bullet picked out (complete with his name on it) for the occasion.

The psychiatrist recommended expeditious administrative separation because you were considered to be at risk to harm yourself if retained in the Navy.

On 27 June 1988 you were notified of separation processing due to the diagnosed personality disorder. In connection with this

processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. Subsequently, the discharge authority directed an honorable discharge. You were so discharged on 30 June 1988. At that time you acknowledged that 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 discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder, and such a code is normally assigned when there is a determination that an individual is at risk to harm himself or others. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, 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