



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 09097-13  
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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 25 June 2014. 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 9 September 2003, at age 19. You received an enlistment waiver for a pre-service civil conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol and alcohol abuse. On 20 January 2004, a mental health evaluation was conducted and you were diagnosed with alcohol dependence which existed prior to enlistment. On 23 January 2004, you had a follow-up appointment in which you disclosed that you had a pending charge of underage drinking. On 10 March 2004, you were informed that administrative separation procedures were initiated and waived your rights. On 17 March 2004, you signed and acknowledged that you were being assigned an RE-4 (not recommended for retention) reentry code upon your separation. On 7 April 2004, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be administratively separated by reason of defective enlistment. On 17 March 2004, you received a general characterization of service discharge

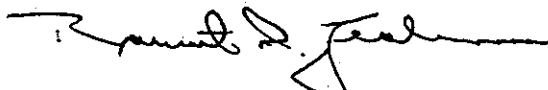
from active duty while serving in pay grade E-1. You were assigned an RE-4 reentry code.

On 7 March 2013, the Naval Discharge Review Board changed your characterization of service to honorable and narrative reason for separation to Secretarial Authority.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors present in your case. Nevertheless, the Board concluded those factors were insufficient to warrant a change in the reentry code based on your non-recommendation for retention in pay grade E-1 and the fact that you were charged with underage drinking. In this regard, an RE-4 reentry code is required when an individual is discharged and is not recommended for retention. 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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Acting Executive Director