

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Dear

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 2017. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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.

You began a period of active duty in the Marine Corps on 7 January 2013. On 9 December 2013, Commanding Officer (CO). 2D Marine Division recommended that you be administratively separated from the Marine Corps on the basis of the recommendation of the Division psychologist. Your CO noted that the psychologist found that while you were not acutely suicidal or homicidal, you were at continued risk to harm self or others if retained. The separation recommendation was approved, and on 17 April 2014, you were discharged from the Marine Corps with a general characterization of service on the basis of a condition not a disability, with a reenlistment (RE) code of RE-3P.

The Board considered your request for a change to your RE-3P code on the basis of your assertion that you are no longer depressed or anxious. When making its determination, the Board noted the post-service psychological evaluation that you submitted in support of your application. The evaluation that states you are negative for any psychological disorders, including depression.

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. The Board carefully weighed all relevant factors, such as the psychological evaluation you received during your active duty service and your post-service medical evaluation that determined you present with a very stable personality and positive attitude. An RE-3P reenlistment code is

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authorized and assigned when an individual is discharged with a condition not a disability. The Board concluded that your RE-3P was assigned without error or injustice. The Board independently considered your general service characterization, and noted that your service record reflects average marks in enlistment of 4.5/4.4. The Board noted that in the CO's 9 December 2013 recommendation, he stated that the least favorable characterization of service you could receive was a general under honorable conditions discharge. Accordingly, the Board found you were properly notified of the possibility of a general vice an honorable characterization of service. Even in consideration of your high marks in your enlistment, the Board concluded that you did not provide sufficient evidence to overcome the approving authority's issuance of a general characterization of service. The Board concluded that your general characterization of service and your RE-3P were both reflective of your service and of your chain of command's review of and input on the circumstances surrounding your discharge. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

The Board noted that MCO 1600.16 states that an RE-3P is assigned when an individual fails to meet physical/medical standards. The RE-3P reenlistment code may not prohibit reenlistment, but requires that a waiver be obtained. Recruiting personnel are responsible for determining whether you meet the standards for reenlistment, and whether or not a request for a waiver of your reenlistment code is feasible.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken at this time. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the submission of new and material evidence. New evidence is evidence 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,

Executive Director