



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 319-17
DEC 13 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of 10 USC 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 30 November 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

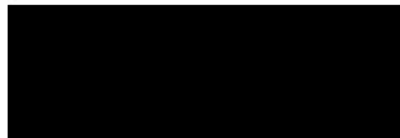
You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty service on 19 August 2014. While serving, you began having personal issues that caused you to suffer sadness and symptoms of depression. Specifically, your grandfather was in ill health and your command did not support your request to leave and care for him. You state that you were advised by fellow sailors to report to medical and state that you were depressed, which would allow you to permanently separate from the service. You state that you reported symptoms of depression to your medical provider in order to separate from the service, but only subsequently realized the ramifications of your actions. Due to your claimed mental health issues, you were separated on 14 August 2015 with an Honorable characterization of service for "Condition, Not a Disability" and assigned a reentry code of RE-4.

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 carefully considered your argument that the assigned RE-4 reentry code is not appropriate because the basis for your desire to separate from the service, your grandfather's ill health, is no longer an issue. The Board considered your claim that you were willing to return to duty after your grandfather's illness was resolved. However, the Board did not agree with your rationale for relief. Per Military Personnel Manual, Section 1160-030, members reenlisting in the Navy must be recommended for reenlistment. On your last evaluation prior to separation, your Commanding Officer did not recommend you for

reenlistment within your assigned rate. You claim that you have never been diagnosed with a mental health condition, but unfortunately your medical record was not available for the Board to confirm your assertion. However, the Board concluded that even if you have never been diagnosed with a mental health condition, they were not confident in your ability to serve without personal problems or your mental state negatively impact your ability to perform assigned duties in the future. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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