



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

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Docket No: 3974-01
31 May 2001

MS A [REDACTED]

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. You requested that your reenlistment code of RE-4 (not eligible for reenlistment without prior approval of the Chief of Naval Personnel) be upgraded, and that your discharge be changed to honorable. As you received an uncharacterized discharge, your request to change the characterization of your discharge was not considered.

You allege that the Department of Defense (DD) Form 214 ("Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty") you were given to sign did not reflect the RE-4 code; and that the nurses and doctors at the Naval Hospital Great Lakes mental health clinic where you were treated did not have an explanation of why you were there. You submitted an undated statement from a staff psychiatrist at Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads indicating that you had a brief psychotic episode which was resolved; and a memorandum dated 1 November 1999 from a civilian doctor indicating "no diag[nosis]" of any mental health problem.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 31 May 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. In this connection, the Board found your naval record shows that you entered active duty on 11 August 1999; that you were admitted to the Naval Hospital Great Lakes mental health clinic on 7 September 1999 for safety, evaluation and disposition because you had stated you had seen two birds talking to each other in English; that on the same date, a Navy doctor diagnosed you with a "psychotic disorder, not otherwise specified (probable

schizophrenia); that you were discharged on 7 October 1999 by reason of "erroneous entry (other)"; that you had an entry level separation (ELS), meaning that you were discharged within 180 days of your entry on active duty; and that you received the RE-4 code appropriate for an ELS.

The Board found that the DD Form 214 on file in your record does reflect the RE-4 code; that you acknowledge having been aware of it since January 2000; and that your record shows that on 17 September 1999, you initialed a waiver of your right to make a statement concerning your separation. Finally, the physician statements you provided did not persuade the Board that your diagnosis on 7 September 1999 was incorrect.

In view of the above, 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director