



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 6210-99

13 June 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 June 2000. 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.

The Board found you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 8 June 1998 at the age of 17. Your record reflects that you served without disciplinary incident.

Your record further reflects that on 8 April 1999, after undergoing a psychiatric examination, you were diagnosed with a personality disorder and an adjustment disorder. The psychiatrist also opined that you were a danger to yourself and others and recommended you for an administrative separation. Subsequently, you were processed for discharge by reason of convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. The discharge authority directed your commanding officer to issue you a general discharge by reason of convenience of the government and on 26 May 1999 you were so discharged. Because you were not recommended for reenlistment you were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code at this time.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity, and your contention that you would

like your reenlistment code changed now that you are competent to serve in the Marine Corps. However, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code given the diagnosed personality disorder. The Board also noted that the record contains no evidence, and you submitted none, to support your contention that you no longer have either a personality disorder or an adjustment disorder. Given all the circumstances of your case, the Board concluded your reenlistment code was proper and no change is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

The Board also noted that you are entitled to submit the attached Application for the Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 293) to the Naval Council of Personnel Boards, attention: Naval Discharge Review Board, Building 36, Fourth Floor, Washington Navy Yard, 901 M Street, S. E., Washington, DC 20374-5023 for consideration of an upgrade of your discharge and a change in your narrative reason for discharge.

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

Enclosure