



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

TRG  
Docket No: 7879-01  
12 March 2002

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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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 5 March 2002. 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.

You enlisted in the Navy on 9 June 1999 at age 17. On 28 June 1999 you were diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder. You told the psychologist that you had cut your wrist at age 15 and you were having recurrent suicidal ideations. Separation from the Navy was recommended because of the disqualifying psychiatric condition.

Based on the psychologist's recommendation you were processed for an administrative separation. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. Subsequently, the separation authority directed an entry level separation and you were so separated on 23 June 1999. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

You state in your application that you have matured and become a responsible citizen since your service in the Navy. You desire a change in the reenlistment code so that you can reenlist in the Navy.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code

in most instances when an individual fails to complete Navy recruit training. Such a code is normally assigned when there is a diagnosis of a disqualifying psychiatric condition, especially when there is a history which suggests that an individual may be at risk to harm himself or others. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code.

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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Executive Director