



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

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Docket No: 7892-01
4 April 2002

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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 2 April 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 Naval Reserve on 24 August 1989 at age 18 and reported for extended active duty on 29 August 1989. The record shows that you served without incident for about four years. However, on 27 September 1993 you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation following a suicide attempt. On 29 September 1993 you were diagnosed with alcohol dependence and a severe personality disorder with obsessive, compulsive and dependent traits. The psychiatrist recommended an expeditious administrative separation because you were considered a continuing risk to harm yourself or others.

Based on the foregoing diagnosis, you were processed for an administrative discharge. At that time, you stated "I do not object to this separation". On 9 October 1993 the discharge authority directed discharge and you were honorably discharged on 12 November 1993. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In your application you have submitted evidence showing that you have made an excellent post service adjustment, have worked for at least five years for the Federal government and are currently employed by a county government in California. You desire a

change in the reenlistment code so that you can again serve in the Navy.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder and such a code is normally assigned when there is a finding that an individual is 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