



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

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Docket No: 7919-00
20 February 2001



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 20 December 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 that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you served on active duty in the Navy from 31 July to 25 September 2000, when you were discharged by reason of your failure to meet medical/physical procurement standards. You were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4, to indicate that you are ineligible for reenlistment without the prior approval of the Chief of Naval Personnel. Your discharge was based on the determination of Navy medical officials, to include the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, that you suffered from a chronic, disqualifying skin condition, which existed prior to your enlistment in the Navy.

The Board carefully considered your contentions concerning the medical treatment you received during your enlistment, the circumstances of your discharge, and the fact that your private physician believes your condition can be controlled with medication and should not be a deterrent to military service, but found those factors insufficient to demonstrate that your discharge was erroneous. The Board noted that your agreement and/or signature were not required in order to effect your discharge. It also noted that the reenlistment code you received is the only code authorized for Sailors discharged for failing to meet procurement

medical standards. 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