



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

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Docket No: 1883-02
11 July 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 9 July 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 30 March 2000 at age 19. Subsequently, you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation after you exhibited depressive symptoms associated with the military environment. The weapons department to which you were assigned stated that you wouldn't work, and sat around and cried. On 31 July 2000 you were diagnosed with an adjustment disorder and were recommended for an administrative separation.

On 9 August 2000 you were notified of separation processing by reason of "physical or mental conditions" interfering with the performance of your duties". In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. On 25 September 2000 the separation authority directed an entry level separation and you were so separated on 15 September 2000.

In your application you state that your adjustment problems occurred because you were upset about the terminal illness of your stepmother. You have submitted a death certificate that shows she died on 11 August 2002. However, you told the Navy psychologist that you were raised by your natural mother and had never lived away from home, and did not mention the illness of

your stepmother.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code in cases such as yours, and such a code is normally assigned when an individual cannot adjust to military service. The Board concluded that you were properly discharged based on the diagnosed adjustment disorder. Since you have been treated no differently than others separated within the first six months of service, 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