



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

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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 2 October 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 29 April 1998. A psychiatric evaluation, conducted on 22 August 2000, diagnosed you with a personality disorder. Your last enlisted performance evaluation states that you had a poor attitude and your work ethic was below standards. The evaluation further stated that you received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for an unauthorized absence of nine days and were not recommended for enlistment. Subsequently, you were discharged on 28 August 2000 with a general discharge by reason of personality disorder. At that time, you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity. Nevertheless, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your substandard performance and the NJP.

The Board noted that an RE-4 reenlistment code is authorized by regulatory guidance and is often assigned to an individual

separated due to a diagnosed personality disorder, especially if the servicemember has a disciplinary action in the record, such as your NJP, or if the record reflects substandard performance. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your 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