

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Dear J

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 13 February 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 8 March 1993 at age 19. The record reflects that on 9 June 1994 you received nonjudicial punishment for obtaining services under false pretenses. A psychiatric evaluation, conducted on 8 November 1994, found that you had a major personality disorder and presented a danger to yourself and others. On 28 November 1994 you received an honorable discharge by reason of the diagnosed 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 contention that you do not have a personality disorder. However, the Board concluded since you submitted no evidence that you were incorrectly diagnosed with a personality disorder, there is no basis to change the reason for discharge. Therefore, the Board concluded that no change to the discharge is warranted.

The Board noted that an RE-4 reenlistment code is authorized by

regulatory guidance and is often assigned when a servicemember is separated due to a diagnosed personality disorder, especially if the individual is deemed to be a threat to himself or others. 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER Executive Director

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