



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

TRG  
Docket No: 6211-01  
8 February 2002

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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 5 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.

You reenlisted in the Navy on 14 April 1997. At that time, you had completed four years of active duty on a prior enlistment. The record shows that you were an unauthorized absentee for about one day in July 1998. Subsequently, you were diagnosed as alcohol dependent and referred to a rehabilitation program. You entered the program on 5 October 1998, and two days later, you were dropped because you stated that you were not alcohol dependent and were not responsive to treatment.

Since you were considered to be a treatment failure, you were processed for an administrative discharge. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. On 10 November 1998 the discharge authority directed an honorable discharge by reason of alcohol rehabilitation failure. You were so discharged on 13 November 1998. You were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code

You have provided evidence that since discharge, you have completed an alcohol rehabilitation program. You desire a change in the reenlistment code so that you can reenter the military. However, regulations require the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged because of

alcohol rehabilitation failure. Since you have been treated no differently than others discharged for that reason, 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