



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

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Docket No: 8004-07
17 September 2008

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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 16 September 2008. 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 14 September 1993 at age 20. On 17 September 1993 you were referred for a mental health evaluation after complaining of depressive symptoms and a desire to go home. At that time you reported a history of family counselling for suicide attempts and were subsequently diagnosed with a severe adjustment disorder. You were then recommended for an administrative separation due to two pre-service instances of suicidal ideation.


On 17 September 1993 you were notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of erroneous entry. The separation authority directed an uncharacterized entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry. At that time you were not recommended for retention or reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and desire to reenlist in the armed forces. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the reenlistment code because of your failure to complete basic training. Finally, an RE-4 reenlistment code is authorized and normally assigned when a Sailor is separated by reason of erroneous entry and is not recommended for reenlistment due to a disqualifying mental health condition. 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