



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4417 14

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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 7 January 2015. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 and began a period of active duty on 28 June 1996. On 24 February 1997, you received a voluntary psychological evaluation due to your difficulty adjusting to the Navy. The evaluation stated that you disliked dealing with supervisors and were worried about making the six month cruise and having to deal with petty officers every day. Psychological testing was completed which revealed high anger, rebelliousness, difficulty with rules and regulations as well as authority figures, low frustration tolerance, and poor impulse control. Testing was supportive of a personality disorder. Based on the psychological evaluation, your Commanding Officer did not recommend you for retention and recommended you for separation by reason of convenience of the government due to personality disorder. Subsequently, on 24 March 1997, you received an honorable discharge by reason of personality disorder. At that time, you 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 desire to change your reason for separation and change your reenlistment code. Nevertheless, the Board found these factors were not sufficient to warrant changing your reenlistment code or changing your narrative reason for separation. Your narrative reason for personality disorder is explained as a condition, not amounting to a disability, which significantly impaired your ability to function effectively in the military environment and potentially interfered with assignment of performance of duty. Based on your record, this is an accurate assessment. Finally, an RE-4 reenlistment code is proper given your reason for separation and non-recommendation for retention. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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