



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 7184-97

31 August 1999



Dear \_\_\_\_\_

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 24 August 1999. 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.

The Board found you enlisted in the Navy on 6 September 1995 at the age of 17 and served without disciplinary incident. Your record reflects that on 18 February 1997, after undergoing a psychiatric evaluation, you were diagnosed with a personality disorder with borderline and schizotypal traits. The psychiatrist report noted, in part, as follows:

Referred when found to have lacerated her left forearm.... admitted to a several month history of self-inflicted lacerations.... has been inflicting lacerations with paper clips, knives, or any sharp object in an attempt to relieve stress.... reported feeling of rage, seeing red, dissociation which was relieved by the cutting.... seeing her own blood makes her feel alive.... diagnosed with a personality disorder with borderline and schizotypal traits.

On 12 March 1997, after consulting with legal counsel, you were processed for an administrative separation by reason of

convenience of the government due to the diagnosed personality disorder. On 18 April 1997 you were honorably discharged and assigned an RE-3G reenlistment code.

The Board, in its review of your entire application and record, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and your contention that you would like your reenlistment code changed. The Board also considered your contention that you were not diagnosed with a personality disorder until after you entered the Navy. However, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in your reenlistment code given your diagnosed personality disorder. Further, the Board noted that an RE-3G reenlistment code is the most favorable code that may be assigned to an individual discharged by reason of a personality disorder. Accordingly, the Board concluded that your reenlistment code was proper and your application must be 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