



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 477-99

14 September 1999

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

The Board found that you enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 8 August 1995 at age 19 and reported for active duty on 16 August 1995. Prior to enlisting in the Naval Reserve you completed a short period of service in the Army Reserve.

The record shows that you successfully completed initial training and on 17 January 1996 you reported to your first duty station. In May 1997 you were hospitalized following a suicide attempt in which you took an overdose of drugs. Subsequently, you were diagnosed with a personality disorder and an adjustment disorder. The psychologist strongly recommended an expeditious administrative separation and stated that you were "judged to represent a continuing risk to self or others due to low impulse control secondary to personality disorder."

Based on the diagnosed personality disorder, you were processed for an administrative separation. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. After review of your case, the commanding officer directed an honorable discharge. You were so discharged on 27 May 1997.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code

when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder. Such a code is normally assigned when an individual has been found to be a risk to harm themselves or others. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director