



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

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Docket No: 1247-01
15 May 2002

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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 14 May 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 enlisted in the Navy on 2 January 1997 at age 18. You completed initial training and on 13 April 1997 reported to your first duty station. Subsequently, you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation after you expressed suicidal ideation. On 5 May 1997 you were diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder. The psychologist believed that you were at risk to harm yourself or others if retained in the Navy and recommended immediate processing for an administrative separation.

The DD Form 214 shows that, on 8 May 1997, you were honorably discharged by reason of personality disorder. At that time you acknowledged that you were not eligible for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is separated by reason of a diagnosed personality disorder and such a code is normally assigned when there is a finding that an individual is at risk to harm himself or others. Since you have been treated no differently than others separated 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,

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director