



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

TRG
Docket No: 2833-99
24 September 1999



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 21 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 Navy on 21 July 1997 at age 18. On 12 August 1997 you were diagnosed as having an adjustment disorder with depressed mood. The psychologist recommended expeditious administrative separation because the adjustment disorder was "sufficiently severe to impair your ability to function effectively in the military environment", and there was a possible risk that you might harm yourself or others.

Based on the psychiatric diagnosis, you were processed for an administrative separation. In connection with this processing, you elected to waive your procedural rights. Subsequently, the separation authority directed an entry level separation and you were so separated on 26 August 1997. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

You state in your application that you have matured and desire to enlist in the Army. Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to an erroneous enlistment and that code is normally assigned when an individual fails to complete recruit training and there is a finding of risk for self harm or harm to 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,

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Executive Director