



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

TRG  
Docket No: 2049-00  
5 April 2000

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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 3 April 2001. 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 were commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve on 24 March 1944. Subsequently, you served on active duty during World War II. You were released from active duty on 19 April 1946. You affiliated with a reserve unit on 12 February 1948 and participated in an excellent manner until 12 February 1951. On that date, you transferred from the organized reserve to the voluntary reserve. On 21 September 1951 you submitted your resignation from the Naval Reserve. About seven weeks later you were promoted to LT (O-3). On 21 January 1952 your request to resign was denied "due to the current critical international situation". That same day, you were issued orders to report to active duty. However, your employer requested that the orders be canceled because you were performing important work in support of a vital Air Force program. Your orders were canceled on 28 February 1952 and you resubmitted your resignation. On 18 March 1952 your resignation was accepted by the Secretary of the Navy and you were honorably discharged on that date.

In your application, you are requesting that your status be changed to show an honorary retirement. However, regulations required that in order to be eligible for honorary retirement an individual meet at least one of the following requirements:

(1) Completed at least 10 years of active commissioned service; or

(2) Attained the age of 37 on the date of retirement ....

Since you did not have 10 years of commissioned service and were age 32 at the time of your discharge it is clear that you did not meet the requirements for honorary retirement. The honorary retiree program was suspended after 18 September 1987. 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