



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

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Docket No: 00787-02
24 May 2002

LTJG [REDACTED] MSC USNR
[REDACTED]

Dear Lieutena [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. You requested, in effect, entry grade credit so as to change your grade on commissioning from ensign to lieutenant junior grade.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 23 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery dated 8 April 2002, a copy of which is attached, and your letters dated 26 February and 17 May 2002, each with enclosure.

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. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. They were unable to find that reference (a) of the advisory opinion was inapplicable to your case, as you contend in your letter of 17 May 2002. In view of the above, 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

Enclosure



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IN REPLY REFER TO

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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: ADVISORY OPINION ICO [REDACTED] MSC, USNR,
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Program Authorization 115 of May 98

Encl: (1) BCNR Application ICO EN [REDACTED]

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded recommending [REDACTED] Ensign Date of Rank remain 1 March 2000.
2. Reference (a) sets the qualifying graduate degrees for Health Care Administration (HCA) applicants as those with a major in Healthcare, Hospital or Health Service Administration or a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration. Ensi [REDACTED] graduate degree in Organizational Leadership does not meet these criteria. Discussion with Captain [REDACTED] Medical Service Corps Career Planning, confirmed that Ensign [REDACTED] graduate degree does not qualify for entry grade credit for an HCA applicant.
3. Your point of contact is [REDACTED] NC, USN, who may be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]
By direction