



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

JRE
Docket No. 09971-07
19 August 2008

[REDACTED]

[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.

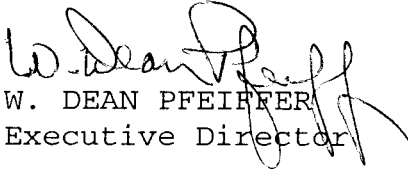
A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 August 2008. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. 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. In the regard, the Board found that on 11 November 1989, you sustained multiple minor lacerations, as well as irritation to your eyes, in a collision at sea. There is no indication in the available records that you sustained a significant back injury at that time, or that your current back condition was incurred on 11 November 1989. The Board substantially concurred with the findings made in your case by the Department of Veterans Affairs in its rating decision dated 6 December 2005, which denied your request for service connection for a lumbar spine condition. 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