



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

DJC
Docket No. 5534-08
5 September 2008

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of 10 USC 1552.


A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 September 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by NPC Memo 1160 Ser 811/514 dtd 23 Jul 08, a copy of which is attached.

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. The Board also found the following factors militated against granting you relief. The extension was proper when executed. Governing regulations require reenlistment in the same fiscal year as the EAOS. Those regulations are not arbitrary; rather, they are rationally related to furthering the Navy's legitimate interest in managing reenlistment bonuses in various communities by fiscal year. Additionally, although any future reenlistment bonus may not be tax free, you will not be denied the reenlistment bonus itself. Finally the Board found that by granting your application, an undesired precedent may be set.

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

Enclosure