



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

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Docket No: 5871-08  
8 October 2008

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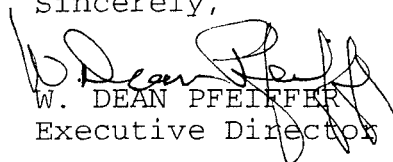
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 8 October 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 a letter furnished by the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) dated 27 November 2007, 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 NPC letter. 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



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November 27, 2007

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Mbr, US House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to your inquiry on behalf of [REDACTED] concerning the entitlement to the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR).

Principal eligibility standards require that an individual must have participated in "bona fide" ground or surface combat fire fight or action during which he was under enemy fire and his performance while under fire was satisfactory. Service in a combat area does not automatically entitle a service member to the CAR.

A review of [REDACTED] personnel records and available resources fail to verify his entitlement to the CAR. If he served in a riverine and coastal operations, assaults, patrols, sweeps, ambushed, convoys, amphibious landing and similar activities, we will do a second review if he provides the specifics regarding his actions during the fire fight.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Supervisor, Retired Records Unit  
Records Support Branch  
By direction of the Commander