

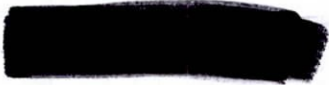


DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 03071-10

13 May 2011



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 12 May 2011. 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 this connection, the Board found that your receipt of disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a depressive disorder is not probative of the existence of error or injustice in your naval record, because the VA awarded that rating without regard to the issue of your fitness for military service at the time of your discharge. As you have not demonstrated that you were unfit for duty by reason of physical disability on 25 April 1999, when you were discharged from the Marine Corps, the Board was unable to recommend favorable action on your request. 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