

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3331-99

20 July 1999



Dear Management

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 July 1998. 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.

The Board found that you were discharged from the Navy on 10 February 1987 by reason of physical disability, with entitlement to disability severance pay. You were assigned a 20% rating for schizophreniform disorder. On 12 January 1988, the Veterans Administration denied your request for disability compensation, as no disabling conditions were found during an examination conducted on 14 November 1987.

The Board noted that in order for you to qualify for disability retirement and monthly retired pay from the Navy, you must demonstrate that you suffered from a disability ratable at 30% or higher at the time of your discharge. As your condition was rated at 20%, and you have not established that you were entitled to a higher rating, the Board was unable to recommend any corrective action. 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