

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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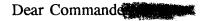
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Docket No: 02595-99

22 June 2001





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 7 June 2001. 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 opinions furnished by the Navy Personnel Command undated and dated 8 January 2001, the Department of Defense Inspector General letter dated 26 April 2000, and the Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN) letter dated 19 July 1999, copies of which are attached. The Board also considered enclosure (1) to the NAVINSGEN letter of 19 July 1999 (NAVINSGEN Report of Investigation of 15 July 1999) and your letter dated 8 October 1999 with enclosures.

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 agreed with the advisory opinion dated 8 January 2001. They were unable to find that the contested fitness report was in reprisal for any protected communication you made. In view of the above, 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

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 PFEIF

Executive Director

**Enclosures**