

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 2 NAVY ANNEX WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

JLP:ddj Docket No: 4578-01 2 October 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 2 October 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 opinion furnished by CNO memorandum 5420 N130D1/01U1248 of 12 September 2001, 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. 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



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS 2000 NAVY PENTAGON WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO 5420 N130D1/ 01U1248 12 Sep 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION IN THE CASE OF PETTY OFFICER

Encl: (1) BCNR case file #04578-01 with microfiche service record

1. The following provides comment and recommendation on Petty Officer petition.

2. N130 recommends denial of Petty Officer petition for an Enlistment Bonus (EB) as he has already received his EB.

3. Petty Officer entered the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) on 30 May 1997, volunteered for the Nuclear Field and signed an EB contract in the amount of \$4,000. He shipped to active duty on 12 November 1997. While at Recruit Training Command (RTC) he signed another contract for the Nuclear Field and an Enlistment Bonus in the amount of \$10,000. Petty Officer requests favorable action that would allow payment of an EB.

4. EB is offered while the member is in the DEP or upon reclassification at RTC to a different rating. EB eligible ratings and award levels are announced by OPNAV (NAVADMIN) messages. The message in effect the day a member enters the DEP and the day a member ships to active duty, determines the amount of EB a member is eligible to receive. In accordance with BUPERS message 151600A OCT 96 (message in effect at the time Petty Officer entered the DEP), a member entering the Nuclear Field program and shipping between the months of October and November is eligible for an EB at the award level of \$4,000. While in the DEP, Petty Officer signed a contract for an EB of \$4,000. He did not reclassify to a different rating at RTC and therefore is not eligible for another EB level. Petty Officer qualifies for an EB of \$4,000. His pay record shows he received a \$4,000 EB on 27 August 1999. Petty Officer has been paid his appropriate EB amount. No further action is necessary.

7. BCNR case file with microfiche service record is returned herewith as enclosure (1).

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