



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

HD:hd  
Docket No: 05172-01  
8 March 2002

CDR [REDACTED] MC USN  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Commander [REDACTED]

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. You requested three years of entry grade credit for your degree in law.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 7 March 2002. 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 the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery dated 10 August 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

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
2300 E STREET NW  
WASHINGTON DC 20372-5300

5172-01

IN REPLY REFER TO

1120  
Ser 522/01-7846  
10 Aug 01

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: ADVISORY OPINIONS ICO CDR [REDACTED] MC, USN,  
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1120.12A

Encl: (1) BCNR Application ICO CDR [REDACTED]

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded with the advisory opinion that Commander [REDACTED] Date of Rank (DOR) for Lieutenant is correct as listed at 13 May 1989.

2. Per reference (a), "credit for advanced education may be awarded for master's or doctorate degrees in the following fields when the degree contributes directly to the performance in the primary medical or surgical specialty to which the applicant will be assigned"; a doctorate in Juris Prudence is not listed. In addition, the degree did not contribute to the medical specialty to which he was initially assigned, i.e. General Medical Officer.

3. Your point of contact is Commander [REDACTED] MC, USN, who may be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
By direction