

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 2 NAVY ANNEX

WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3210-02

28 August 2002





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 22 August 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.

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 Marine Corps Reserve on 1 April 2001, pursuant to your request, by reason of hardship. You were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-3H, as required by governing directives. You underwent a pre-separation physical examination, and were found to be physically qualified. There is no indication in available records that your request for discharge was related in any way to the effects of undiagnosed Lyme disease. The recent amelioration of the conditions resulting in your discharge, while relevant to the issue of your suitability for service at this time, does not provide a basis for changing a reenlistment code that was properly assigned. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

The Board noted that RE-3H is a waivable reenlistment code, and not an absolute bar to your reenlistment. You should contact your local recruiting officials if you want to pursue you goal of returning to the Marine Corps Reserve.

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