



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

JRE  
Docket No. 03824-07  
4 February 2008



Dear [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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 25 January 2008. 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.

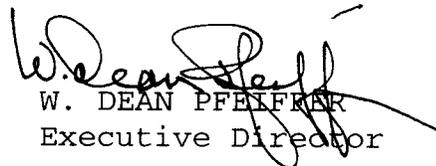
The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 20 June 1962. You completed a Report of Medical History on 26 January 1979 in connection with a pre-commissioning physical examination, and denied having a history of nervous trouble of any sort. You underwent a pre-retirement physical examination on 24 April 1984, and disclosed a history of depression or excessive worry. The physician who conducted the examination concluded that the condition had resolved and was not disqualifying. He found you physically qualified for all duties at sea, on foreign shores

and for retirement. You were released from active duty on 20 June 1984 and transferred to the Retired List the following day. On 1 February 2007, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awarded you disability ratings of 30% for generalized anxiety disorder and major depressive disorder, and 10% for residuals of a left ankle fracture. The VA denied your request for service connection for thirteen other claimed disabilities, to include posttraumatic stress disorder.

The Board was not persuaded that you suffered from posttraumatic stress disorder at any time during your career in the Navy. In addition, it concluded that the determination of VA rating officials that you are not entitled to service connection for posttraumatic stress disorder is a matter within the purview of that department, rather than the Department of the Navy. 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