



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

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HD:hd  
Docket No. 00877-08  
29 July 2008

[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 24 July 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery dated 26 March 2008, 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



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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Ser M1/08UM1127  
MAR 26 2008

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

Subj: [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1120.12A

Encl: (1) BCNR Application [REDACTED]

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded recommending [REDACTED] Lieutenant Date of Rank (DOR) remain as 21 May 2005.
2. Although [REDACTED] and receive his Masters Degree in Engineering, that alone will not qualify him for additional entry grade credit. Per reference (a), one may receive credit for a qualifying Masters Degree if it "contributes directly to performance in the primary medical or surgical specialty to which the applicant will be appointed." A Masters Degree in Engineering does not contribute directly to his performance as a General Medical Officer, which was his original appointment, or to his performance as an Undersea Medicine Officer, which is his current subspecialty. Therefore, he should not receive any entry grade credit for the Masters Degree.
3. Your point of contact is Mr. A. W. Frabutt who may be reached at DSN 762-3338 or 202-762-3338.

  
K. L. MAGNUSSON  
By direction

MAR 30 2008