



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

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Docket No. 05202-08
26 February 2009

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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.

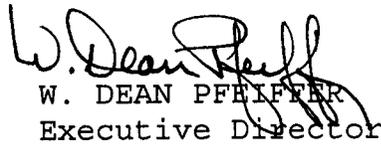
A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 26 February 2009. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. 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 Navy Personnel Command dated 2 July 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, except the recommendation, in paragraph 2.g, to modify block 41 ("Comments on Performance") of the contested fitness report by removing "With more maturity and technical expertise, [you] should become a more effective officer. [You have] performed most of [your] duties in an adequate manner." In this regard, the Board particularly noted that you submitted a statement, dated 29 May 2008, in reply to the report, and that your statement, together with the reporting senior's endorsement, is

on file in your record with the report. Consequently, the Board found that even if the advisory opinion is correct in concluding that the quoted narrative is adverse, your rights regarding adverse material have not been violated. In view of the above, 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