



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 05422-08  
19 March 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 5 March 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.

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.

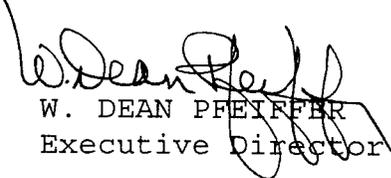
The found that you served on active duty in the Navy from 2 July 1952 to 11 January 1955. On 11 November 1988 and several occasions thereafter the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) denied your request for service connection for injuries to your head and back. On 20 November 2006 the Board of Veterans Appeals found that the "buddy statements" you submitted in support of your claim were evidence of an in-service occurrence which may or may not have resulted in injury, but not evidence of the in-service occurrence of a head or back injury.

The Board carefully considered your personal statement and "buddy" statements, but found that information insufficient to

demonstrate that you sustained significant injury to your back or head during your naval service. 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