



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 04326-08
22 September 2008

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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 18 September 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 served in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1 November 1982 to 13 September 1983, when you were discharged by reason of not being physically qualified for service in the Marine Corps Reserve because of recurrent otitis media, left ear, and recurrent cholesteatoma, status/post surgical excision and ossicular replacement, which existed prior to your enlistment. You were advised of your right to request a hearing before the Physical Evaluation Board to contest your proposed

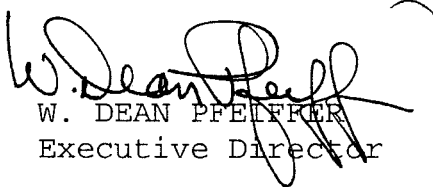
separation, but you waived that right and requested to be discharged.

Following your discharge, the Department of Veterans Affairs denied your request for service connection for a hearing loss and several unrelated conditions.

In the absence of evidence which demonstrates that you were unfit for service by reason of physical disability that was incurred in or aggravated by your naval service, the Board was unable to recommend any corrective action in your case. 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