



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

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Docket No. 00275-09
5 June 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. You requested two additional years of entry grade credit for your Master's of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

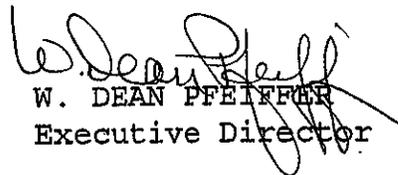
A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 29 May 2009. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. 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 Assistant Deputy Chief, Total Force, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, dated 28 April 2009, a copy of which is attached. The Board also considered your letter dated 12 May 2009 and e-mail dated 19 May 2009.

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. The Board found your having completed coursework from 2000 to 2001 before you entered the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) did not refute the statement, in the advisory

opinion, that your master's degree was completed while you were in the HPSP. 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