



e. Official transcripts are the only documents acceptable for requesting enlistment in an advanced paygrade based on college credits.

f. Petitioner states in his application to the Board that "I could not be sent my transcripts from [REDACTED] due to funds being owed to the university."

g. Petitioner shipped to active duty on 19 May 2008 without having submitted his college transcripts. He shipped to active duty as an E-1.

h. In correspondence attached as enclosure (2), the office having cognizance over the subject matter addressed in Petitioner's application has recommended the request be denied. The Navy Recruiting Command's established policy requires all applicants desiring enlistment in a higher paygrade to produce official transcripts prior to their ship date. Recruiters brief all applicants regarding this policy, and if official transcripts are provided an entry will be made in Section VI, Remarks, of the DD Form 1966. No entry was made for Petitioner.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, notwithstanding the comments contained in enclosure (2), the Board concludes that petitioner's request warrants partial favorable action. Enlistment in paygrade E-3 requires a minimum of 48 semester credits, a review of Petitioner's official transcripts revealed a total of 36 acceptable college level semester credits. This is sufficient for enlistment in paygrade E-2. It was opined that because Petitioner had actually earned the college credits prior to enlisting he should receive an advanced paygrade for that college credit, notwithstanding the fact his official transcripts were not timely submitted in accordance with established policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

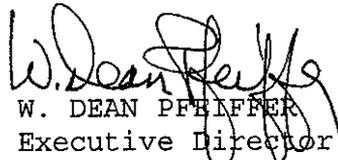
a. He enlisted in paygrade E-2, vice E-1, effective 19 May 2008 (Active Duty Service Date). He met the advanced paygrade criteria based on college credit.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

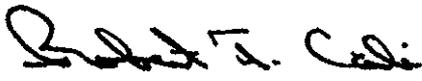
ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Recorder

  
WILLIAM J. HESS, III  
Acting Recorder

5. The foregoing action of the Board is submitted for your review and action.

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

Reviewed and Approved

  
7-14-09