



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

BAN
Docket No. 04523-09
1 September 2009

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction to your deceased spouse's naval record pursuant to the provisions of 10 USC 1552.

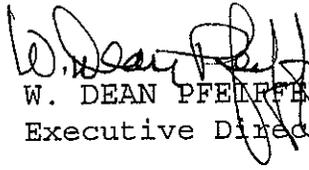
A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 3 August 2009. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. 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 Deputy Director Casualty Assistance Branch (N135C) of 13 Jul 09, a copy of which is attached.

The Board noted that your husband had been provided multiple opportunities to enroll in the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) but that he did not enroll. Records show he was notified in writing of his opportunity to enroll in August 1995. He also had two later opportunities to enroll during "open season enrollment periods" that were widely publicized. Moreover, records show that the enclosed letter, addressed to you, was delivered to your mailing address in August 1995. The Board recognized that [REDACTED] signed the certified mail receipt for the enclosed letter. However, because the letter was addressed to you and was confirmed as delivered to your address, the Board was satisfied that the Navy had taken reasonable and adequate measures to acquaint you with information regarding the RCSBP. Under these circumstances, especially in light of the evidence that your husband never enrolled in the RCSBP in spite of multiple opportunities to do

so, the Board found insufficient evidence of an error or injustice that would warrant relief. 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 also 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