



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

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Docket No. 05743-09
10 June 2009

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Dear [REDACTED]

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 4 June 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.

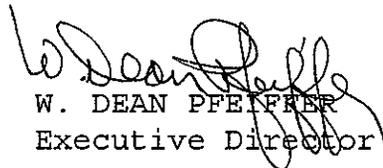
After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you served on active duty in the Navy from 24 January 1966 to 3 October 1969, when you were released from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserve by reason of reduction in authorized strength. On 25 February 2008, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) denied your request for service connection for a left shoulder dislocation, which it determined was not incurred in the line of duty; unfortunately, the VA did not provide a copy of the records upon which that determination was based.

As the service and health records available to the Board do not contain any information concerning the circumstances of the shoulder injury you sustained on 19 September 1968, the Board concluded that there is no reasonable basis for correcting your record to show you were injured in the line of duty. 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