



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

BAN  
Docket No. 07225-09  
28 September 2009

Dear [REDACTED]

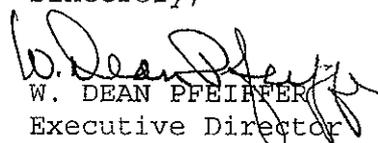
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of 10 USC 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 28 September 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 Division (N135C) of 14 Sept 09, a copy of which is attached.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, a majority of 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. 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

14 Sep 09

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF  
NAVAL RECORDS

Via: Assistant for BCNR Matters (PERS-31C)

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Ref: (a) BCNR memo of 13 Aug 09

Encl: (1) DD Form 2656-2, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)  
Termination Request

1. Per reference (a), recommend BCNR not correct  
[REDACTED] record to reflect that he declined  
participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

2. The recommendation is based on the following:

a. [REDACTED] transferred to the Fleet Reserve  
on 31 January 2008. He was automatically enrolled in the  
SBP as a result of the Defense Finance and Accounting  
Service-Cleveland (DFAS-CL) not receiving a valid SBP election.

b. Public Law 105-85 enacted on 18 November 1997, authorized  
SBP participants to voluntarily discontinue SBP participation  
during the one-year period beginning on the second anniversary of  
the date of commencement of receiving retired pay. He can  
terminate his participation in the SBP during that one-year  
period with his spouse's written concurrence utilizing the  
enclosure.

3. Information regarding the SBP has been available to  
[REDACTED] from "Shift Colors", the quarterly  
newsletter provided to all Navy retirees who maintain current  
correspondence address information with the DFAS-CL. Though we  
make every effort to provide favorable recommendations for the  
member and his family, we also have a responsibility as stewards  
of the public trust. [REDACTED] spouse has been

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protected since his date of retirement under the SBP and had he died during that period, his spouse would have received an SBP annuity.



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Deputy Director  
Casualty Assistance Division  
(N135C)  
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