



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

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Docket No. 08580-09
11 December 2009



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 10 December 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 were released from active duty in the Navy on 28 February 1954 and transferred to the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) with a disability rating of 30% for asthma. Your condition was reevaluated by the Physical Evaluation Board in 1955 and reduced the disability rating below 30%; consequently, you were discharged with entitlement to disability severance pay effective 15 December 1955. The Department of Veterans Affairs granted your request for service connection for bronchial asthma effective 19 August 1988, and assigned a disability rating of 10%.

In the absence of evidence which demonstrates that your disability was ratable at 30% or higher as of the date of your discharge, the Board was unable to recommend favorable action on your request for correction of your record. 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