



fraud and concluded, contrary to your assertions, that you were physically examined as part of the medical board process prior to your diagnosis for bilateral Pes Planovalgus. This finding was based on the medical board report that documents your underwent a “physical examination” at that time. Absent evidence that you did not suffer from bilateral Pes Planovalgus, the Board concluded your basis for separation remains appropriate. Accordingly, the Board found insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant a change to your record.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

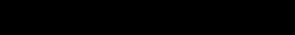
You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption 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,

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Deputy Director

Signed by:

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