

In your petition, you have requested that you be removed from the PDRL, because you are not sure that you deserve to be on the PDRL. In support of your request, you contend that it does not feel right that you are on the PDRL. You also state that you would gratefully accept whatever compensation is available from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) that this Board deems appropriate for the actual medical, organic damage you sustained during training. Finally, you state that you feel that you wasted time, energy, effort, and money, both of your own and the Navy's, in pursuing a dream that was not meant for you.

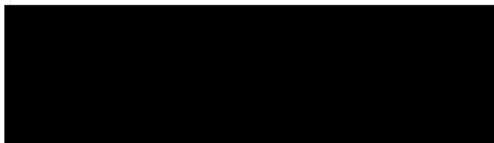
The Board carefully considered your arguments, including the entirety of your petition and its enclosures, and disagreed with your rationale for relief. At the outset, please note that the Board is not an investigative body, and its review of your service records and your petition did not contain evidence that you obtained your disability retirement as a result of fraud, misconduct, or defective medical assessments. To the contrary, the record evidence demonstrates that you served your country with honor, having graduated from one of the world's finest academic institutions, and having earned a place as a Naval Aviator in the world's finest navy, during which you subjected yourself willingly to uncommon risks. Despite the fact you were unable to continue your career in naval aviation, your accomplishments in service of your country remain and the Board commends you for it. However, based on its review, the Board was unable to discern any evidence in the record before it that your disability finding was improper, nor was the Board able to find evidence that your service was a "waste of time" as you state. Accordingly, the Board found no evidence of error or injustice in your record and denied your petition.

With respect to your contention concerning a request for VA benefits. The Board noted that the VA is a different institution with its own rules and regulations. You very well may be eligible for additional, and different, benefits from the VA based on your service. You may seek the assistance of one of the many service organizations that assist Veterans, or pursue any such benefits on your own. The website for the VA is www.va.gov, and it includes a great deal of helpful information on how you may pursue assistance and benefits through the VA.

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,

9/20/2022



Executive Director

Signed by: 