



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

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Docket No: 3142-01
28 December 2001



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 6 December 2001. After careful consideration of your application, the Board concluded that your application was not timely filed, and that it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse your failure to submit your application in a timely manner. The Board noted that you became aware of the alleged error or injustice in your record in 1968. The fact that you were unable to contact members of your former platoon until recently was considered insufficient to warrant the waiver of the statute of limitations in your case.

The Board was unable to conclude that you were unfit for service by reason of a physical disability which was incurred in or aggravated by your brief period of naval service. In this regard, it noted that the available records do not demonstrate that you suffered from post traumatic stress disorder or other significant mental disorder prior to your discharge, or that you were unfit for duty because of a testicular injury. With regard to the ear condition which resulted in your administrative separation from the Navy, the Board noted that you accepted the findings of a medical board which evaluated you on 16 September 1968, and determined that you suffered from chronic, bilateral otitis media, with perforation of the left tympanic membrane, which existed prior to your enlistment, and was not aggravated by your naval service. In addition, you waived your right to appear before a physical evaluation board, and you requested that you be administratively discharged from the Naval service as soon as possible.

You may request reconsideration of this decision. Your request must include newly discovered relevant evidence which was not reasonably available to you when you submitted your application. The evidence may pertain to the timeliness of your application or to its merits. Absent such additional evidence, further review of your application is not possible.

It is regretted that a more favorable reply cannot be made.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director