



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

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Docket No: 6473-00
21 September 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 13 September 2001. 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 concluded that although you had elevated cholesterol and triglyceride levels prior to your release from active duty in 1984, and may have had suffered from some degree of atherosclerosis and/or coronary artery disease, the associated impairment, if any, was of such mild degree that it did not meet the criteria for a disability rating under the Veterans Administration (VA) Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The fact that on 2 October 1998, the VA granted you service connection and a 30% rating for coronary artery disease, effective from 25 June 1991, is not considered probative of the existence of error or injustice in your Navy record. As you did not have a ratable cardiovascular condition at the time of your release from active duty, there is no basis for granting your request for an increased combined disability rating. 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