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

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Docket No: 08507-01
18 June 2002

CDR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Commodore [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 June 2002. 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Navy Personnel Command dated 15 February 2002, a copy of which is attached.

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 does not grant the naval flight officer (NFO) designator to an officer who has never held it, as they consider this a matter for cognizant naval authorities. However, they substantially concurred with the advisory opinion in concluding that your request for NFO wings should be disapproved. In view of the above, 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

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
 NAVAL RECORDS

Via: Assistant for BCNR Matters (PERS-00ZCB)

Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ICO
 CDR [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) BCNR memo 5420 PERS-00ZCB of 16 Jan 02
 (b) MILPERSMAN 1210-010

Encl: (1) BCNR file

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is returned with the recommendation that [REDACTED] request for issuance of Naval Flight Officer (NFO) wings be denied. The following comments are provided in support of our recommendation.

2. [REDACTED] entered the Naval service in 1983. He attended VT-10 until June 1984 during which time he was ranked 25 among 26 students, and was subsequently assigned to VT 86. His report of fitness from VT-86 dated 4 October 1984 indicated that he attrited from Advanced Navigation Officer Training before progressing to the evaluation stage of his academics and flight training. He then received orders to Lowry Air Force Base where he completed Intelligence Officer training in June 1985. After a three-year fleet assignment as an Intelligence officer, he separated from active duty and became an active participant in the Naval Reserve program. He was promoted to the rank of Commander in November 2000 and has completed more than 18 years of qualifying service towards retirement. After continuously serving in Selected Reserve (drill pay) billets until October 2001, he was assigned recently to a non-pay VTU unit where he continues his career as a Naval Reserve officer.

3. Per reference (b), only the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) issues NFO designation authorizing the wearing of wings. PERS-911 is the point of contact for reserve officer designator changes and verification of warfare qualifications. Our responsibilities include reviewing an official record to

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determine whether the member has completed requirements and documenting such in appropriate electronic files. From the information contained in [REDACTED] official record, it is readily apparent that he did not attain NFO qualifications while attached to VT-86. Official documentation via his fitness report from VT-86 substantiates this fact.

4. [REDACTED] request is based primarily on his personal recollections of events that took place many years ago. His flight logs and training jacket do not provide sufficient justification to support his request. He has not provided and our research has not found any documentary evidence that either an error or injustice occurred in this case. Therefore, we recommend disapproval of his request for authorization to wear the wings of a Naval Flight Officer.

5. My point of contact in this matter [REDACTED] at DSN
[REDACTED]

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