



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 6894-02 30 August 2002

Dear

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 29 August 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 Headquarters Marine Corps, dated 19 August 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. Notwithstanding the favorable advisory opinion, they found the contested failure of selection by the Fiscal Year 2003 Lieutenant Colonel Selection Board should stand. They noted the Master Brief Sheet (MBS) error in "Relative Value" for your fitness report for 19 June 1999 to 19 June 2000 was to your advantage. They further observed that the advisory opinion acknowledges you could have provided the promotion board with information about your attendance at the Fletcher School. Finally, they noted that you say you discovered the error in a counseling session after you had failed of selection. They felt you should have checked your MBS before the promotion board considered you. 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