



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

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Docket No: 8490-02
23 April 2003

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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 23 April 2003. 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, 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 found that you enlisted in the Navy on 7 November 2000 for four years after about five months of prior active service. Your record reflects that you served without incident until 10 April 2001, when you requested a hardship discharge due to your inability to provide for the care of your dependent children.

On 18 April 2001, your commanding officer, after a thorough review of your request, approved your requested hardship discharge. Accordingly, on 23 April 2001 you received an honorable discharge by reason of hardship, and were assigned an RE-3H reenlistment code.

Regulations authorize the assignment of either an RE-3H or an RE-4 reenlistment code to an individual separated by reason of hardship. Since you were assigned an RE-3H code, the most

favorable reenlistment code authorized, it concluded that the reenlistment code was proper and no change is warranted. 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