



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

JRE  
Docket No: 9763-02  
22 January 2003

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: [REDACTED]  
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149  
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that his naval record be corrected to show that he was assigned a reenlistment code other than the RE-4 code he received on 17 July 2001.

2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Cooper, Frankfurt and Pfeiffer, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 January 2003 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Enclosure (1) was filed in a timely manner.

c. Petitioner served on active duty in the Navy from 30 May to 17 July 2001, when he was discharged by reason of his failure to meet procurement medical standards because of symptomatic flat feet. He was assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4. He states, in effect, that although he has had flat feet for years, the problem he had with his feet while in the Navy was caused by shoes that were too small for his feet.

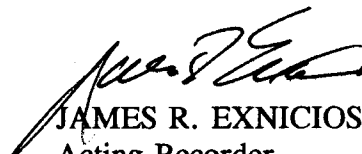
**CONCLUSION:**

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner has not demonstrated that his discharge was erroneous; however, it does not believe he should bear the stigma associated with a reenlistment code of RE-4. Accordingly, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.


**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that he was assigned a reenlistment code of RE-3E on 17 July 2001.
  - b. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.
4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Recorder

  
JAMES R. EXNICIOS  
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

  
For W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director