



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

JLP:ddj
Docket No: 4268-02
3 December 2002

Dear SEAMAN [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 3 December 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 CNO memorandum 5420 N130D1/02U0423 of 9 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. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. 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

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION IN THE CASE OF SEAMAN
[REDACTED]

Encl: (1) BCNR case file #4268-02 with microfiche service record

1. The following provides comment and recommendation on Seaman Reeves's petition.
2. N130 recommends denial of Seaman Reeves's petition for an Enlistment Bonus (EB) College Kicker.
3. Seaman [REDACTED] entered the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) on 13 April 2001, volunteered for the Submarine Electronics Computer Field School Guarantee Program, and signed an EB contract in the amount of \$13,000. He shipped to Recruit Training Command (RTC) on 2 May 2001. Seaman [REDACTED] requests favorable action that would allow payment of an EB College Kicker in addition to the EB that is included in his contract.
4. EB is not an entitlement, but a recruiting tool used at the discretion of recruiters and classifiers to entice individuals to enlist in critical skills. The EB program is budgeted based on quotas provided by the Commander, Navy Recruiting Command and the Enlisted Community Managers, not by the number of "A" School accession seats. An EB College Kicker is an EB and is governed under the preceding rules. Every recruit is not offered nor receives an EB or an EB College Kicker.
5. EB eligible ratings and award levels are announced by OPNAV (GENADMIN) messages. The message in effect the day a member enters the DEP and the day the member ships to RTC (Recruit Training Command), determines the amount of EB a member is eligible to receive. In accordance with BUPERS message 061630Z FEB 01 (message in effect at the time Seaman [REDACTED] entered the DEP), a member volunteering for the Submarine Electronics Computer Field Program, and shipping to RTC between the months of February and May was eligible for an EB at the award level of \$13,000. Seaman [REDACTED] qualifies for an EB of \$13,000 in accordance with his contract.

6. In an earlier case, Seaman ██████ applied to the Board for Correction of Naval Records, Docket No. 8545-01, to have his enlistment rate changed from E1 to E3 in light of the 139 college credits which he had earned prior to his enlistment. At that time he indicated he had told his recruiter that he had college credits prior to his enlisting, however the recruiter did not annotate this college experience in his initial processing record. On 16 January 2002, the Board approved the correction of Seaman ██████'s record to show that the enlistment of 13 April 2001 is in paygrade E3.

7. Seaman ██████ has a valid EB Contract in the amount of \$13,000 and is entitled to that payment upon completion of his training pipeline and qualification in the skill for which he was offered the EB. He is not entitled to an EB College Kicker because it was not offered by his classifier nor included in his contract upon entrance into the Navy. No further action is necessary.

8. BCNR case file with microfiche service record is returned herewith as enclosure (1).



Head, Enlisted Bonus
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