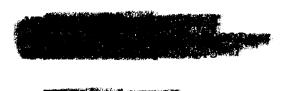


DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

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Docket No: 2492-03 25 June 2003



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 25 June 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, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by Headquarters Marine Corps dated 18 March 2003, 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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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1040 MMER/RE MAR 1 8 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: BCNR APPLICATION IN THE CASE OF FORMER (CODE)

Encl: (1) MELLER DD Form 149 of 30 Dec 2002

1. A second second has been reviewed and it has been determined that his reenlistment code of RE-4B was correctly assigned. The reenlistment code was assigned based on his overall record and means that he was not recommended for reenlistment due to in-service drug involvement.

2. A review was honorably discharged on July 4, 1995 by reason of Completion of Required Active Service. A review of the administrative portion of his service record indicates that he was counseled concerning a pattern of misconduct, not being recommended for promotion, reduction in grade, illegal drug use, and not being recommended for reenlistment. The disciplinary portion of the record shows that he received two nonjudicial punishments under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for offenses which included failure to obey a lawful order, wrongful use of cocaine, and unauthorized absence. It is also noted that on August 30, 1994, Mr. Signed an official service record book entry acknowledging assignment of the RE-4B reenlistment code.

3. After a review of all relevant information, this Headquarters concurs in the professional evaluation of **contractions** qualifications for reenlistment at the time of separation. Once a code is correctly assigned it is not routinely changed or upgraded as a result of events that occur after separation or based merely on the passage of time.

4. The enclosure is returned for final action.

Head, Performance Evaluation

Review Branch Personnel Management Division By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps