



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

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Docket No. 03148-03
2 May 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 1 May 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.

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 served in the Navy from 9 to 29 March 2000, when you were discharged by reason of failure to meet medical/physical procurement standards because of bilateral tarsalcalcaneal consolidation, with arthritic changes. That condition caused foot pain and rendered you incapable of completing military training. You were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4, as required by governing directives.

The Board rejected your unsubstantiated contention to the effect that the foot pain that resulted in your discharge was caused by

improperly sized boots. The fact that the condition is no longer symptomatic was considered insufficient to demonstrate that your discharge was erroneous. Although the Board appreciates your strong desire to serve your country, it was not persuaded that it should take any action that would facilitate your reentry into the Armed Forces. 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