



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 03747-03
6 June 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 5 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.

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 7 January to 19 February 1980, when you were discharged because of a pre-existing knee condition that precluded you from successfully completing military training. The Board rejected your contention to the effect that your knees were injured during your service in the Navy. In this regard, it noted that there is no indication in available records that you sustained a significant injury to your knees during your enlistment. In addition, the Board noted that you advised a Navy medical board during February 1980 that you had a pre-service history of knee pain with strenuous activity, and that you had experienced pain under similar circumstances after enlisting.

In the absence of evidence that demonstrates you were unfit for duty because of a condition incurred in or aggravated by your brief period of naval service, the Board was unable to recommend any corrective action in your case. 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