DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 51-13
9 January 2014

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Dear [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 9 January 2014. 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.

You served in the Navy from 8 November 2005 to 6 March 2012 when you were discharged by reason of physical disability due to a spinal disorder that was rated 20% disabling. That rating, which was established by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rating officials and assigned by the Physical Evaluation Board during the Integrated Disability Evaluation process, was based on the

demonstrated limitation of motion of your spine. Although you believe that your condition is more severe and disabling than indicated by a 20% rating, the Board was not persuaded that your condition was so unusual as to warrant the assignment of an extra-schedular rating of 30% or higher. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the panel members 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,

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director