



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

JLP:ddj
Docket No: 9973-02
26 August 2003

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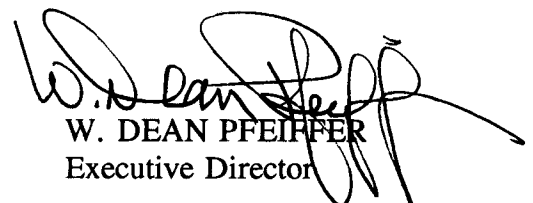
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 26 August 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 CNO memorandum 5420 N130D1/03U0146 of 6 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



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5000

IN REPLY REFER TO

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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS

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

Encl: (1) BCNR case file #09973-02 with microfiche service record

1. The following provides comment and recommendation on Seaman [REDACTED]'s petition.
2. N130 recommends denial of on Seaman [REDACTED] petition for an Enlistment Bonus (EB).
3. Seaman [REDACTED] entered the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) on 03 January 2002 and volunteered for the Jobs Strand IV Program Guarantee. Seaman [REDACTED] requests favorable action that would allow payment of an EB in accordance with the EB message.
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. While in the DEP Seaman Bratton was not offered an EB. Seaman [REDACTED] does not have an EB contract in his service record and therefore is not entitled to an EB. No further action is necessary.
5. BCNR case file with microfiche service record is returned herewith as enclosure (1).

[REDACTED]
Head, Enlisted Bonus
Programs Branch