



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 06188-98  
10 August 1999

LT [REDACTED] MSC USN  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Lieutena [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 5 August 1999. 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 opinions furnished by the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery dated 3 March and 26 April 1999, copies of which are attached. The Board also considered your letter dated 10 April 1998 (sic) 1999.

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 dated 26 April 1999. 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

Enclosures

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IN REPLY REFER TO

1120  
Ser 525/99-3019  
3 Mar 99

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: ADVISORY OPINION ICO LIEUTENANT [REDACTED]  
USN, [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Program Authorization 115 Revision of 15 Feb 96  
(b) BCNR ltr of 8 Jan 99  
(c) SECNAVINST 1120.8B

Encl: (1) BCNR File ICO Lieutenant [REDACTED]

1. Returned enclosure (1), recommending no action. Lieutenant [REDACTED] was awarded proper entry grade credit (EGC) based on his four years of active commissioned service.

2. Lieutenant [REDACTED] requested a change in designator from Surface Warfare to Medical Service Corps (MSC) in 1995. Prior to 1997, no EGC was granted for advanced degrees in the Health Care Administrator (HCA) specialty. Effective 1 April 1997, entry grade credit is awarded for related advanced degrees. However, the 1997 policy change is not retroactive.

3. My point of contact for further information is Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] NC, USNR, who may be reached at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

By direction



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IN REPLY REFER TO

1120  
Ser 525/99-3032  
26 Apr 99

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: ADVISORY OPINION ICO LIEUTENANT [REDACTED],  
USN [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Memorandum to MED-511 Staff of 23 Apr 97  
(b) Program Authorization 115 of 8 May 89

Encl: (1) BCNR Fax Inquiry ICO [REDACTED] of 21 Apr 99

1. Concur with opinion of 3 March 1999 recommending no action. Lieutenant [REDACTED] is awarded proper entry grade credit (EGC) based on his four years of active commissioned service.

2. Per references (a) and (b), Lieutenant [REDACTED] is not entitled to constructive service credit because his master's degree was his qualifying degree. Prior to 1 April 1997, no entry grade credit was awarded for a qualifying master's degree when the bachelor's degree was in an unrelated field. His bachelor's degree was in Psychology and Anthropology instead of the required Health Care Administration or Business/Management-Sciences related areas.

3. Effective 1 April 1997, entry grade credit will be awarded for all advanced degrees earned prior to commissioning, regardless of the undergraduate degree, if the advanced degree becomes the qualifying degree or specifically relates to the designated specialty. The 1997 policy change is not retroactive.

4. Your point of contact for further information is Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] NC, USNR, who may be reached [REDACTED]

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