



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

JLP:ddj
Docket No: 7169-02
13 November 2002



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 13 November 2002. 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 NPC memorandum 1780 Pers 604 of 7 October 2002, 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,

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Executive Director

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS

Via: Assistant for BCNR Matters (PERS-00ZCB)

Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ICO
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) CNPC memo 5420 PERS-00ZCB of 17 Sep 02
(b) Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 30

1. The following is provided in response to reference (a):

a. Recommend denial of [REDACTED] request to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program. A review of [REDACTED] master microfiche record indicates he disenrolled from the MGIB Program on 19 June 1999. Per reference (b), the decision to disenroll is irrevocable.

b. PERS-604 staff periodically visits major accession points to ensure the accuracy of MGIB briefings. [REDACTED] visited the Newport accession site in spring of 1999 and did not discover any discrepancies in the briefings. Many members regret their decision to disenroll, particularly now that MGIB benefits have increased by over 40 percent over the past four years to \$32,400. Until Congress changes the law to allow members a "second chance" opportunity to enroll, members who disenrolled will not have any federal education benefits.

c. Although [REDACTED] states he was told MGIB was for members who need to earn a college degree, he has not provided any evidence to support his claim; therefore, regularity on behalf of the briefing official is presumed.

2. PERS-604's point of contact is MS2 [REDACTED] who can be reached at (DSN) 882-4262 or (C) 901-874-4262.

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