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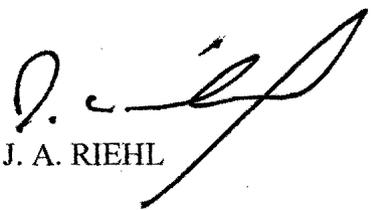
SECNAVCORB POLICY LETTER 2012-6

From: Director, Secretary of the Navy Council of Review Boards

Subj: PRECEDENCE OF PEB COMBAT-RELATED (CR) DETERMINATIONS ON  
COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) DETERMINATIONS

Ref: (a) OSD(P&R) CRSC Program Guidance of 27 Apr 04  
(b) SECNAVINST 1850.4E

1. This policy letter cancels SECNAVCORB Policy Letter 2008-3 and reissues guidance contained therein.
2. The purpose of this policy letter is to ensure the compatibility of Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) and CRSC combat-related determinations. In accordance with the references, the PEB and CRSC Boards are required to make CR determinations in their respective adjudications. These references, however, do not address whether or not a PEB CR disability determined finding is binding upon a subsequent CRSC Board review. Typically, the CRSC Board reaches an independent CR determination. This has infrequently resulted in an individual having differing CR determinations from two distinct Council of Review Boards (CORB) boards. This result can be viewed as inequitable and indicative of a lack of uniform standards within CORB.
3. To rectify the above situation, and to ensure consistency of CORB CR determinations, in the absence of clear and convincing evidence the PEB's determination was in error, the CRSC Board will adhere to previous PEB determinations a disability is CR in the adjudication of CRSC applications. The CRSC Board, however, is not bound by a previous PEB determination a condition was not CR, and will make their determination based upon the current evidence of record.

  
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