



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 2737-21
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear █ █

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 December 2021. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Office of the Chief of Naval Operations memorandum 7220 Ser N130/21U0603 of 5 May 2021; a copy of which was previously provided to you for comment.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested to establish entitlement to Sea Duty Incentive Pay-Back-To-Back (SDIP-B). The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, the Board concluded you did not meet eligibility criteria in accordance with the Military Personnel Manual Article 1300-1000. Specifically, the policy indicates once requested, spouse collocation becomes the member's highest priority for every duty preference and will be given due consideration during the assignment process. If a couple does not desire collocation for a specific assignment, both members must communicate to their respective detailers that collocation is not a priority. Collocation will again be considered a high priority for the subsequent assignment. Additionally, whenever possible projected rotation dates will reflect a rotation in which one

member will be on sea duty while the spouse is on shore duty and their PRDS will be matched to facilitate future collocation requests.

A review of your record indicates SDIP-B was denied because honoring your request for a back-to-back sea tour would require the Navy to depart from its sea/shore detailing guidelines. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or 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,

1/27/2022

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Deputy Director

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