

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 7339-21 Ref: Signature Date

Dear

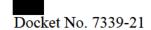
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found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

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 27 January 2022. 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.

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.

On 2 September 1983, you enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 6 years with an expiration of obligated service (EOS) of 1 September 1989. On 28 November 1983, you entered active duty. On 16 June 1990, you were advanced to DT2/E-5. You were selected for advancement to DT1/E-6 off the March 1998 (Cycle 159) Petty Officer Navy-Wide Advancement Exam with an advancement date of 16 December 1998. On 30 November 1998, you were honorably transferred to the Fleet Reserve upon having sufficient service for retirement. On 1 October 2013, you were transferred from the Fleet Reserve to the Retired List.

You requested a review of your service record for payment for DT1/E-6 vice DT2/E-5. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board concluded that your scheduled



advancement to E-6 was 16 December 1998, however, you were transferred to the Fleet reserve on 30 November 1998, therefore your retirement grade is correct. Furthermore, the Board noted that your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active duty (DD Form 214) block 4a (Grade, rate or rank) and block 4b (Pay Grade) are incorrect. They should reflect DT2 and E-5 respectively.

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.

