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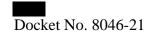
> Docket No. 8046-21 Ref: Signature Date

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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 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.

You requested advancement to Boiler Technician Second Class (BT2)/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 you did not provide any evidence to refute the NAVPERS 601-13, Administrative Remarks entered in your official military personnel file (OMPF) on 29 October 1970 indicating, "Declined advancement to pay grade E-5 authorized to be effected 1 Nov 70. Did not desire to obligate for required active service specified in NAVPERS 15989" signed by your Executive Officer. Additionally, in accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1430.16, frocking is an administrative authorization to wear the uniform and insignia of a higher pay grade without entitlements or allowances of the frocked pay grade until actually advanced to the pay grade for which selected. The Board could not find a copy of a frocking authority in your OMPF to validate your assertion of wearing the uniform of BT2/E-5 up to your discharge date of 9 December 1970. However, although you may have been frocked to BT2/E-5, it does not negate that you declined your advancement prior to the effective date of 1 November 1970. Moreover, in your previous petition to the Board (Docket #4685-21) you admitted to giving up your advancement to E-5 due to your family situations and concerns regarding deployment beyond your remaining active duty service obligation, thereby making a conscious decision regarding declining advancement and continued naval service. Thus, your



DD Form 214N, Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge reflects the proper grade of BT3/E-4 at the time of discharge.

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.

