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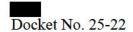
Dear ,

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.

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 17 March 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Navy Personnel Command memorandum 1430 PERS 8031/0037 of 1 February 2022 and your response to the opinion.

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 retroactive advancment to Hospital Corpsman First Class (HM1)/E-6 effective 31 May 1998 and the associated back-pay. 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 that you did not meet the eligibility criteria for advancement to HM1/E-6 in accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1430.16D. Specifically, two of the basic criterions required for advancement to E-6 was personnel were required to participate in the Navy Wide Advancement Examination (NWAE); and pass the exam with a final multiple score that exceeded the minimum multiple score required for advancement during that cycle. The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of your participation in a



NWAE for HM1/E-6 or results of a NWAE indicating your selection to HM1/E-6. 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.

