

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

> Docket No. 1099-22 Ref: Signature Date

Dear Senior Chief

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 29 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.

On 2 September 1958, you entered active duty. On 3 August 1962, Chief of Naval Personnel forwarded with congratulations the Navy and Marine Corps Medal awarded to you by the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) for heroic conduct on the afternoon of 10 February 1962. In 1977, Chief of Naval Personnel notified Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico via Fleet Reserve Transfer Authorization that your application submitted on 8 June 1977 was approved effective 2 May 1978. Furthermore, it stated that you were not reported for Extraordinary Heroism in line of duty in accordance with BUPERSMAN 2630100. On 2 May 1978, you were honorably released to inactive duty and transfer to Fleet Reserve.

You requested to be credited with Extraordinary Heroism (EH)¹. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include

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Extraordinary Heroism (EH): 10 U.S.C. § 6330 provides that each enlisted member transferred to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, who has been credited by SECNAV with EH, is entitled to an increase of 10 percent in retainer pay. Additionally, § 6330 states that the EH determination made by SECNAV is final and conclusive for all purposes. The awarding authority will provide a recommendation as to whether or not the benefits of EH should be credited to the recipient of the approved award. The awarding authority, in recommending that an award recipient be accorded the benefits of EH, should compare the act (s) with other acts of heroism and believe that it stands out well above ordinary acts of heroism. The Board of Decorations and Medals will review and forward recommendations for extraordinary heroism to the SECNAV and, if approved, the recipient will be so advised by Chief of Naval Operations or Commandant of the Marine Corps.

your assertions. The Board agreed that you were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism in August 1962. In June 1977, you submitted an application for transfer to the Fleet Reserve. In accordance with SECNAVINST 1650.1E published on 17 November 1976, the awarding authority, in recommending an award recipient be accorded EH benefits, should compare the act(s) with other acts of heroism, and believe that it stands out well above ordinary acts of heroism. Your award for heroism was reviewed and upon approval of your retirement request, it lists that you were not approved for EH in the line of duty. Furthermore, Title 10, United States Code, Section 6330, EH determination is made by the Secretary of the Navy and is final and conclusive for all purposes. The Board concluded that no error or injustice exists to warrant a change to your record.

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.

