DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 1460-22
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear [redacted],

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 2 June 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 by Navy Recruiting Command letter of 7 April 2022 which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested to establish entitlement to a $4,000 Enlistment Bonus for Shipping (EBSHP). 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 in accordance with Commander, Navy Recruiting Command message 252100Z July 2019. Specifically, this message outlined the eligibility for future Sailors initially classified or reclassified on or after 25 July 2019. Under this message, EBSHP only pertained to Active Component recruits that shipped in fiscal year 2019 in the following ratings/programs: CTI-ATF, IT-ATF, ITS-ATF, NF, MT-AEF and SECF-5YO. A review of your record indicates you enlisted on 27 November 2019 with an Aviation Boatswain's Mate - Launch & Recovery (ABE/5YO) Class "A" School guarantee and projected Active Duty Service Date of 30 July 2020. The Board determined there were no changes to your rating, program or ship date and you entered active duty on 30 July 2020 in the ABE rating, thereby rendering you ineligible for the EBSHP. 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,

6/15/2022

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