



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

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Docket No. 3522-22  
Ref: Signature Date

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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 26 May 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.

You requested your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty dated 26 September 1998 to reflect Aviation Boatswain's Mate - Launch & Recovery Third Class (ABE3)/E-4. 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 a change to your DD Form 214 is not required in accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1900.8. Specifically, the policy indicates to enter the rank/rate and paygrade at time of separation/discharge. A review of your record indicates you were frocked to ABE3/E-4 from the March 1998 (Cycle 159) Navy Wide Advancement Exam. However, you separated from active duty on 26 September 1998 prior to your actual date of advancement to ABE3/E-4 on 16 December 1998, therefore, your DD Form 214 correctly reflects ABEAN and E-3.

