DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 4261-22
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 March 2023. 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 also considered the advisory opinion by Navy Recruiting Command letter 1133 Ser N35 of 14 October 2022, which was previously provided to you. You were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, but did not do so.

You requested your NAVCRUIT 1133/52, Enlistment Guarantees dated 30 March 2000 reflect the monetary amount of $30,000 for the Navy College Fund (NCF) promised. 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 criteria to receive the NCF in accordance with the Enlistment Bonus (EB) Program messages published on 5 October 1999 and 7 February 2000. Specifically, the EB message released on 5 October 1999 outlined the ratings/skills eligible for an EB or EB with NCF; Mortician (Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) 8496) was the only Hospital Corpsman (HM) specialty listed to receive NCF for $25,000. The EB message released on 7 February 2000 added ratings/skills eligible for an EB from February through May 2000, at an award level of $5,000; HM was not listed.

A review of your record indicates you enlisted on 30 March 2000 and signed NAVCRUIT 1133/52, Enlistment Guarantees with Hospital Corpsman Class “A” School Guarantee and Navy College Fund listed. You entered active duty on 17 August 2000, and completed HM Basic on

[redacted] After completing "A" School, you reported to your first permanent duty station at [redacted] on 22 March 2001. On 26 November 2002, you were issued BUPERS Order: 3302 (Official Change Duty Orders) to attend HM-Field Medical Service Technician School for duty under instruction. You completed HM-Field Medical Service Technician School on [redacted] and awarded NEC 8404/L03A. The Board noted at the time of your enlistment Field Medical Service Technician was not the HM specialty authorized to receive the NCF, thereby rendering you ineligible for the incentive. 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,

3/23/2023

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Deputy Director

Signed by: [redacted]