

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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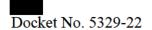
Dear :

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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 April 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 Pay and Personnel Support Center (NPPSC) memorandum 7200 N1 of 8 December 2022, which was previously provided to you. You were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, but did not do so.

You requested correction of your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty dated 9 September 2021 to include: Army Achievement Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist Qualification; and Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Qualification. Additionally, you requested "deployment time to reflect 3 month, 6 day deployment to combat zone and 15 months total deployment time." 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 NPPSC reissued you a corrected DD Form 214 with the aforementioned awards and qualifications on 29 July 2022, therefore, no action was required of the Board. If you have not received a copy, you may submit SF 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records to Navy Personnel Command (PERS-313).

Regarding your request to add your deployment time, the Board determined Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1900.8E, deployments are not specified entries on the DD Form 214. However, Foreign Service is, but the policy indicates, "Enter the years, months, and days service this period. Service performed outside the 50 United States or its commonwealth and territories,



except while on deployment." Additionally, the policy directs that sea service consists of all sea duty periods, which occurred during each sea duty period as defined by Chief of Naval Operations Instruction 7220.14. Upon review of your record, the Board acknowledged your deployments but could not find, nor did you provide evidence of you being assigned to an overseas unit or sea duty command that warranted a changed to your DD Form 214. 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.

