

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

> Docket No. 6618-22 Ref: Signature Date

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 6 December 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.

You requested to correct the Special Number and Title on your DD Form 214N, Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge dated 13 March 1969. 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 a change to your DD Form 214N does not warrant correction in accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel instruction 1900.2C. Specifically, this policy indicated that Item 25a (Special Number and Title) of the DD Form 214N would be, "The NEC [Navy Enlisted Classification] code will be the latest primary NEC assignment recorded on page 4 of current service record." A review of your record indicates an entry was made on NAVPERS 601-4, Navy Occupation/Training, and Awards History on 17 July 1968, awarding you the SHB3120 NEC. The Board could not find, nor did you provided evidence of receiving the "Gunners Mate (NEC) 814" as you contend, thereby rendering you ineligible to receive credit for that specialty.

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,

