

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

> Docket No. 8124-22 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 31 January 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 Branch Head, Community Management Support Branch BUPERS-328, 5 December 2022, which was previously provided to you. You were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, but did not do so.

On 11 September 2018 you entered active duty for 4 years with an End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS) of 10 September 2022.

In accordance with OPNAVINST 1160.8B published on 1 April 2019, a member who receives orders to attend training to gain a qualifying SRB Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC), but lacks the required obligated service to complete training may apply for Obliserv to Train (OTT). To be eligible to apply for OTT, completion of the requested school must occur after the current inoperative extension (i.e., soft EAOS). If approved for OTT, the member will be allowed to extend enlistment through the school graduation date.

In October 2019 you were awarded NEC C21A (Ship's Signal Exploitation Equipment Increment Foxtrot (SSEE INC F) Operator).

In accordance with FY22 SRB Award Plan (N13SRB 002/FY22) published on 13 May 2022, a Zone "A" SRB for the CTR/C16A/C21A rate/NEC was not listed.

On 6 June 2021 you were issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 1572) with required obligated service to June 2026, while stationed in **Exercise** with an effective date of departure of

January 2023. Your intermediate (1) activity was for temporary duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 29 January 2023. Your ultimate activity is for temporary duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 9 June 2023, with a Projected Rotation Date (PRD) of June 2026. Obligated service to June 2026 is required for this assignment which may be satisfied by reenlistment or extension of enlistment. Use of NAVPERS 1070/613 only authorized for SRB eligible Sailors. Use of NAVPERS 1070/613 for periods of more than 12 months requires NAVPERSCOM (BUPERS-328) authorization. OBLISERV must be obtained within 30 days of receipt of these orders and prior to transfer.

In accordance with FY22 SRB Award Plan (N13SRB 003/FY22) published on 28 June 2022, a Zone "A" SRB for the CTR/C16A/C21A rate/NEC was not listed.

On 5 August 2022 you signed an agreement to extend enlistment for 45 months with an SEAOS of 10 June 2026 in order to incur obligated service to execute BUPERS order: 1572.

In accordance with FY22 SRB Award Plan (N13SRB 004/FY22) published on 9 August 2022, a Zone "A" SRB with an award level of 2.0 (\$45,000 award ceiling) for the CTR/C16A rate/NEC was listed.

On 23 January 2023 you transferred from

You requested to cancel NAVPERS1070/621, the Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertion that you intended to participate in the OTT program. However, the Board concluded that BUPERS order: 1572 required you to obligate service out to June 2026 and that you obtain the required OBLISERV within 30 days of the orders date and prior to transfer. You met the OBLISERV by executing an extension of enlistment for 45 months on 5 August 2022. At the time you received BUPERS order: 1572, no SRB was available to you; therefore, you are not eligible for the OTT program. On 9 August 2022, FY22 SRB Award Plan was released, adding CTR/C16A as eligible for SRB. Because you were not eligible for SRB at the time you executed the extension, cancelling the extension for the sole purpose of obtaining eligibility would disadvantage every sailor whose eligibility changed after the release of the new SRB Award Plan. 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.

