

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

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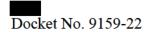
Dear

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 16 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.

You requested to correct your rank to Machinist Mate Second Class (MM2)/E-5 on your Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214N) dated 17 July 1969. 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 your official military personnel record (OMPF) does not contain a copy of the Certificate of Appointment you provided to the Board. On the contrary, your record reflects you advanced to MM3/E-4 effective 16 October 1967. Your Enlisted Performance Record indicates your received evaluations on 16 April 1968, 16 October 1968, 16 April 1969, and 17 July 1969, all in the MM3/E-4 rate. Furthermore, on 17 July 1969, you signed your Record of Discharge, Release from Active Duty, or Death (NAVPERS 601-14) and your DD Form 214N with both documents indicating the rate of MM3/E-4. Lastly, on 19 May 1971 your Record of Discharge from the U. S. Naval Reserve (Inactive) reflects the rate of MM3/E-4. The Board found no evidence of advancement to MM2/E-5 in your OMPF, therefore, correction to your active duty DD Form 214N is not warranted.

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