



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 2095-23  
Ref: Signature Date

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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 11 May 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 advancement to Hospital Corpsman Second Class (HM2)/E-5 with associated pay and allowances. 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 in accordance with Manual of Advancement, Navy Personnel 15989 the minimum service requirement for advancement in rate for E-4 to E-5 was 12-months in pay grade E-4. A review of your record indicates you advanced to Hospital Corpsman Third Class (HM3)/E-4 effective 1 September 1972. On 1 November 1972, you received a recommendation for advancement to HM2/E-5. Thereafter, on 9 August 1973, you received counseling on the advantages of reenlisting, but you indicated you did not intend to reenlist onboard █. Subsequently, you were released from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserve on 21 August 1973. The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of you participating in a Navy Wide Advancement Exam for HM2/E-5 or that you were selected for advancement to HM2/E-5. Therefore, correction to your record is not warranted. The Board noted that a DD Form 214 is only issued for active duty service, thus your grade of E4 reflects the proper grade at the time your DD Form 214N was issued.

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,

5/22/2023

