

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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> Docket No. 4376-23 Ref: Signature Date

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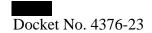
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found 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 January 2024. 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 considered the advisory opinion by the Chief Naval Personnel memorandum 7220 Ser N13X/351 of 24 October 2023, which was previously provided to you for comment.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

On 22 August 2007, you entered active duty.

In accordance with DoD 7000.14R Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 29, enlisted members assigned to a tour of duty, or who attain a status, requiring the wear of uniform clothing (other than special dress uniforms), may be authorized a special initial clothing allowance. Special initial clothing allowance is authorized only once during any period of continuous active duty. The special initial clothing allowance rates are in Table 29-2 and Table 29-3. For the most current rates, see the Special Initial Clothing Allowances – Navy and Air Force tables on DFAS.MIL. 3.3.1. The special initial clothing allowance is provided in lieu of the standard initial clothing allowance when it is the first initial allowance qualified for and



issued. The special initial clothing allowance supersedes and replaces the standard initial clothing allowance and is considered the last authorization of an initial clothing allowance for a member who previously received a standard initial clothing allowance and subsequently qualifies for and is provided a special initial clothing allowance.

Examples of uses for special initial clothing allowance are when members in an enlisted status enter an officer training program, are advanced to Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, or are assigned to a military band with uniform styles different than those for others in their pay grade.

Special Initial Clothing Allowance – Eligibility Criteria. The Navy and Air Force will furnish enlisted members with a special initial clothing allowance under one or more of the following circumstances: Upon first advancement to or first enlistment as a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, while serving on active duty, unless special initial clothing allowance was previously paid.

Special cash clothing replacement allowance provides for replacement of uniform items, after completion of 3 years of active service, subsequent to receipt of a special initial clothing allowance. It accrues beginning with the first day of the month following the date the member completes 36 months active duty, subsequent to receiving a special initial clothing allowance or a reduced or partial special initial clothing allowance, without regard to time lost, and continues during the remaining period of continuous active duty. It is payable annually at the end of the Service member's anniversary month, using the applicable fiscal year rate then in effect. During the period for which the special cash clothing replacement allowance is payable, the Service member is not entitled to any other cash clothing replacement allowance.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) issued you a JUMPS LES Online Inquiry System for the period of 1 August 2017 to 31 August 2017 listing entitlement to Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance of \$529.20.

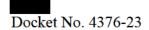
On 16 August 2018, you were advanced to Chief Petty Officer/E-7.

DFAS issued you a JUMPS LES Online Inquiry System for the period of 1 August 2018 to 31 August 2018 listing entitlement to Special Initial Clothing Allowance of \$1,044.13 and Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance of \$687.60.

DFAS issued you a JUMPS LES Online Inquiry System for the period of 1 August 2019 to 31 August 2019 listing entitlement to Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance of \$720.00.

DFAS issued you a JUMPS LES Online Inquiry System for the period of 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2020 listing entitlement to Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance of \$511.20.

DFAS issued you a JUMPS LES Online Inquiry System for the period of 1 August 2021 to 31 August 2021 listing entitlement to Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance of \$464.40.



On 16 June 2022, you were advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer/E-8. You requested to be reimbursed for the correct uniform allowance for a Chief Petty Officer for the period of 2017 through 2021, 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 DoD 7000.14R FMR, Special Initial Clothing Allowance is paid upon first advancement to or first enlistment as a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, while serving on active duty, unless Special Initial Clothing Allowance was previously paid. Additionally, Special Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance accrues beginning with the first day of the month following the date the member completes 36 months active duty, subsequent to receiving a Special Initial Clothing Allowance and continues during the remaining period of continuous active duty. Upon your promotion to E-7, you were eligible for and were paid Special Initial Clothing Allowance in addition to the Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance in August 2018. You were paid the Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance until you completed 36 months of active duty subsequent to receiving the Special Initial Clothing Allowance. In August 2022, you began to receive the Special Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance. The Board determined that you have received all applicable uniform allowances associated with his advancement to Chief Petty Officer/E7 in accordance with DoD 7000.14R FMR, therefore no change to your record is warranted. 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.

