



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

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Docket No. 7473-23
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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 30 November 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 Radioman Second Class (RM2)/E-5 at the time of discharge from the U.S. Navy. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board does not have access to the Navy advancement regulations prior to 18 October 1973. However, general requirements for Navy advancement include, be recommended for advancement and nominated to participate in a Navy Wide Advancement Examination (NWAE), pass the NWAE, and meet or exceed the minimum multiple required for advancement to the next pay grade.

Upon review of your record, the Board concluded that you enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 27 August 1962 and entered active duty. On 7 July 1964, you completed the practical factors for advancement to RM3/E-4 and thereafter advanced to RM3/E-4 effective 16 November 1964. You released from active duty on 26 August 1966 in rate/rank RM3/E-4, and transferred to the Naval Reserve to complete your military service obligation. Your NAVPERS 601-14, Record of Discharge, Release from Active Duty, or Death dated 26 August 1966 indicates, "Has passed service wide exam for pay grade E-5." The Board could not find, nor did you provided evidence of completing practical factors for RM2/E-5 or that you met the minimum multiple required for

advancement to RM2/E-5. The Board noted that passing a NWAEE does not automatically equate to advancing. On 26 August 1968, you discharged from the Naval Reserve and issued NAVPERS 601-14 (Inactive), Record of Discharge from the U.S. Naval Reserve reflecting the rate of RM3. Therefore, the Board agreed that under these circumstances, relief 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,

12/11/2023

