



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 6900-23  
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 6 June 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 contained in Office of the Chief of Naval Personnel Operations memorandum 7220 Ser N130C3/23U1189 of 6 October 2023, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel Operations (N13X) memorandum 7220 Ser N13X/318 of 27 October 2023, and Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Leader and Professions Development Command memorandum 1500 Ser 00/0102 of 25 April 2024, which were previously provided to you for comment.

The U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence issued you a diploma upon successfully completing the Interservice Physician Assistant Program at ████████████████████, ██████████ for the period of 10 December 2018 to 11 June 2021.

You were initially board certified on 25 August 2021, and currently board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), which will remain valid until 31 December 2025.

You were discharged with an honorable character of service and were issued a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty for the period of 22 June 2009 to 31 August 2021 upon accepting commission or warrant in another branch of service. Signed by Authorized Official on 31 August 2021.

On 1 September 2021, you signed an Officer Appointment Acceptance and Oath of Office (NAVPERS 1000/4) in the active U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant Junior Grade with a date of rank

1 September 2021 with a designator code of 2300 (Staff Corps Officer billet requiring Medical Service (Health Care Administration, Medical Allied Science, Optometry, Pharmacy, or Medical Specialist) specialty).

On 9 December 2021, you signed a Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business (Optional Form 1154) for the following: Pance Registration Fee (National Cert. Exam) for \$550.00, and Naval Special Enlisted Commissioning Program Uniform Allowance for \$1881.44. Amount Claimed: \$2,431.44. However, the claim was not approved by cognizant authority.

On 9 December 2021, you notified ██████████ (██████) via email attachment from NCCPA that this receipt serves as confirmation that NCCPA has received the following payment of \$550.00 from you for the PANCE (Exam date of 19 August 2021).

On 18 April 2023, Master Military Pay Account (MMPA) shows a leave balance effective 1 October 2021 for 54.5 days brought forward from prior Fiscal Year.

On 4 December 2023, Master Military Pay Account (MMPA) shows Initial clothing monetary Allowance for \$1,957.56.

You requested to receive the difference in balance of uniform allowance entitlement, reimbursement of \$550.00 for fees associated with taking the Physician Assistant National Certification exam, and credit of 52 days of leave you had when you separated from the U.S. Marine Corps in order to commission; the Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. You assert that you were paid only \$400.00 vice the \$1,957.56 you were entitled to. However, in accordance with MMPA, you were paid \$1,957.56 on 4 December 2023. Additionally, you assert that you are entitled to the \$550.00 reimbursement as you submitted for the reimbursement in the same FY, but ██████████ failed to submit for the reimbursement; however, your supporting documentation shows that on 9 December 2021, you submitted a request for reimbursement and provided a receipt for the exam fee to ██████████ (██████). Although you took the exam in FY 21, you submitted the request for reimbursement in FY 22. BUMEDINST 1500.20A<sup>1</sup> states that NAVMEDPRODEVCTR will not authorize funding for exams taken in prior fiscal years. Finally, in accordance with MMPA,

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with BUMEDINST 1500.20A published on 3 November 2017, 4. 10 U.S.C. section 2015 authorizes the Secretary of Defense to extend government funding for credentials to military members of the uniformed services. USD (P&R) memo of 16 July 2009 implements 10 U.S.C. section 2015 and provides Department of Defense policy and guidelines for payment of professional credentialing expenses incurred by military members. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs delegated authority in ASN (M&RA) memo of 15 January 2013 to Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to administer a program for payment of professional credentialing expenses for medical department military members. Other military officers and enlisted members are provided funding opportunities for credentialing expenses pursuant to OPNAVINST 1540.56A. For guidance on the use of appropriated funds for civilian employee professional board certifications and licenses, see BUMEDINST 7042.1A.

Board Exams without Travel. All efforts must be made by the requesting member to submit funding requests at least 6 weeks in advance of the exam. Requests for funding can be submitted to NAVMEDPRODEVCTR after the member has taken the exam, provided the request is received by NAVMEDPRODEVCTR in the same fiscal year the exam was taken. NAVMEDPRODEVCTR will not authorize funding for exams taken in prior fiscal years. Members will use enclosures (1) and (2) to request funding from NAVMEDPRODEVCTR and indicate “not applicable” for travel related sections.

your leave balance has been corrected and shows 54.5 days of leave carried forward effective 1 October 2021. The Board determined that no change to your record is 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, \_\_\_\_\_

6/13/2024

