



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

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Docket No. 8563-23  
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 7 March 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.

You requested advancement to Boatswain's Mate Third Class (BM3)/E-4. 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 in accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1430.16B, the criteria for advancement to E-4 included participation in a Navy Wide Advancement Examination (NWAE) for advancement in rate or change in rating and meet or exceed the minimum multiple required for advancement.

A review of your record indicates that you entered active duty on 2 September 1982 in as a Seaman Recruit/E-1. Thereafter, you advanced to Seaman Apprentice/E-2 on 2 March 1983 and Seaman/E-3 effective 16 September 1983. You were recommended for advancement on your evaluation ending 31 January 1984 and you passed the E-4 military/leadership examination on 20 June 1984. However, Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of your participation in a NWAE, or proof that you were selected for advancement prior to your transfer to the Temporary Disability Retired List as an undesignated Seaman/E-3 on 22 April 1985. Therefore, the Board determined that a change to your record 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,

3/25/2024

