



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9295-23
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 10 October 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 Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command memorandum 5420 Ser N1/488 of 20 August 2024 and your response to the opinion.

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.

You requested remission of indebtedness for \$20,000 Enlistment Bonus that you state you did not receive. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, upon review of your record, the Board concluded that you enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 26 July 2006 for 8 years and signed NAVRES Incentive Agreement 1-4, Non-Prior Service (NPS) Basic Enlistment Bonus Written Agreement for the Naval Reserve Incentive Program acknowledging your service obligation and the consequences of failing to participate satisfactorily in the Selected Reserve (SELRES). You entered active duty on 7 August 2006 and after completion of initial active duty

for training you were transferred to the Navy Reserve on 9 January 2007 and assigned to a SELRES unit. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) leave and earning statement dated 8 June 2007, indicates that a \$15,000 (after taxes) enlistment bonus was deposited into your The Citizens Bank account. On 20 July 2007, you were discharged from the Navy Reserve for unsatisfactory participation and accordingly the enlistment bonus was recouped. The DFAS notified you of the bonus debt on 26 August 2008. Therefore, in this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion, and determined 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,

10/25/2024

