

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 3602-24 Ref: Signature Date



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.

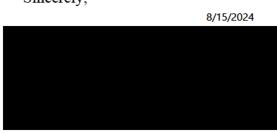
A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 31 July 2024. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures 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 Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps memorandum 1070/MPO of 9 May 2024, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested to establish entitlement to Continuation Pay. 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 you did not meet the eligibility criteria to receive Continuation Pay in accordance with the Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum of 27 January 2017. Specifically, the policy indicates Reserve Component members are eligible for Continuation Pay if they are covered under the Blended Retirement System (BRS) and has not completed less than eight and not more than 12 years of service as computed from the member's pay entry base date.

A review of your record reflects your pay entry base date as 3 May 2004 and you have not had a break in service since your initial entry, thereby reaching 12 years of service on 2 May 2016. You completed the BRS Notification Training on 10 February 2017 and the BRS Training via lecture method on 5 May 2017. Due to you having less than 4,320 retirement points as of 31 December 2017, you had all of calendar year 2018 to elect to opt-into the BRS or remain grandfathered in the legacy High-3 retirement system; you elected to opt-into the BRS on 4

January 2018. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the 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,